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Sadick Fails To Qualify

London, July 19. Mr O. R. Sadick, Hong-kong's hope, was eliminated in the first stage of the King's Prize service rifle competition at Blaisy today.

Firing at 300, 500 and 600 yards, he scored 85 out of a total of 105.

All competitors who scored 98 or more reached the second stage.—Our Own Correspondent.

Silent Screen Star Sues For Libel

Los Angeles, July 19. Alice Terry, one-time star of the silent screen, filed a \$750,000 damage suit today, charging that the motion picture "Valentino" disgraced her by putting her in a "clandestine" relationship with the late Rudolph Valentino.

Miss Terry named the producer Edward Small, who made the film, Edward Small Productions and Columbia Pictures, which released the picture, as defendants in a libel action.

The suit filed by attorney Harold Fendler, pointed out that Miss Terry co-starred with Valentino in a series of pictures from 1917 to 1923, during part of which time she was married to the late producer Rex Ingram. Miss Terry contended that the picture falsely depicted a "clandestine and meretricious" relationship between herself and Valentino both before and after her marriage to Ingram, designated in the film as "King".

Such scenes, she said, were without foundation and were "wrongfully and maliciously" incorporated in the film and "greatly injured" her name and reputation.

Miss Terry's pictures with Valentino, many of them directed by Ingram, included the famous "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse"—United Press.

Warship Damaged

Malta, July 19. The Pakistani destroyer Tariq entered the dockyard here, severely damaged on the starboard side after a collision with a tug off Malta while transferring an officer in rough seas.—United Press.

Persian Govt Makes Gesture

Teheran, July 19. Government officials agreed tonight to negotiations with the British in the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute. It was the first sign of a possible break in the fight touched off by nationalisation of the British-controlled oil fields at Abadan.

The American representative, Mr Averell Harriman, met the mixed Iranian Oil Commission for two hours despite a warning by the police that a plot to assassinate him had been uncovered.

"We are prepared to sit down again and talk with the British," said Kazam Hassabi, Iran's top oil expert. "However, we are not prepared to back down on the principle of nationalisation."

Members of the Commission told Mr Harriman they were prepared to discuss sale of the oil fields but "only under the nationalisation law."

Dr Ali Shavegan, who led the first unsuccessful negotiations, said talks broke down because the British refused to accept the nationalisation principle.

Mr Harriman said: "I am not at all opposed to the principle of nationalisation, since the United States government is interested in the independence of every country, but this issue can be settled only through negotiation."—United Press.

Constellation Forced Down

New York, July 19. A Eastern Airlines Constellation flying non-stop from Newark, N.J., to Miami, Florida, with 53 persons aboard was forced down on a farm 15 miles south of Richmond, Virginia, today. The Airlines reported here. An Airlines spokesman said there were no casualties.

The four-engine plane carried 43 passengers and a crew of five. The spokesman said the reason for the forced landing was not immediately determined. The plane came down at about 3.45 p.m. EDT.—United Press.

Fire & Flood In Kansas



This aerial view of Topeka, Kansas, shows a gasoline storage tank ablaze amid the desolation of the Kansas floods which have brought death to at least 12 people and misery to thousands. Around the burning tank, houses are inundated almost to the rooftops.—AP Picture.

Franco Reported Preparing To Restore The Monarchy

Madrid, July 19. Generalissimo Francisco Franco set up a new government tonight in moves for better relations with the West and for returning a king to the Spanish throne.

The moves were reported to be in line with the mid-week preliminaries by Franco and American Admiral Forrest Sherman for setting up US naval and air bases in Spain.

Franco signed a decree appointing a new Cabinet of strong Monarchist complexion.

He is reported to have told his new government that Spain "will carry out the restoration of the Monarchy. Insistent rumors are circulating through Madrid that Don Juan, the exiled Pretender, may renounce his rights to the throne in favour of his 13-year-old son, Juan Carlos. If Franco will allow the boy to be crowned under a regency.

A 1947 decree declaring the nation still a Monarchy specified the future King would have to be Spanish, a male, at least 30-year-old and a Roman Catholic. The Archbishop Primate of Spain would serve on a three-man Regency.

Franco is believed to oppose any attempt to put Don Juan on the throne.

A reliable source also quoted Franco as saying he intends to tighten Spain's connections with the Western powers, mainly the United States.

9 MONARCHISTS

There are nine Monarchists in the new 16-member Cabinet. Other Ministers are held by three Falangists, one Moderate Leftist, two Technicians and General Agustin Munoz Grande, Commander of Spain's Blue Division in Russia during World War II.

The resigned 12-member Cabinet had six Monarchists, four Falangists, one Moderate Leftist and one Independent.

The new Cabinet, which has four new faces, retains five members of the old Cabinet. Franco decreed in 1947 that Spain still was a Monarchy and that he—as chief of state—had the right to name his successor.

The decree would provide for a successor if Franco died or dropped the reins. It provided for a regency to hold power until the Council of the Regency named a successor.

LEAVE FOR 8TH MEETING

Imjin River Peace Camp, July 20. United Nations delegates left for the eighth meeting with the Communists in Kaesong this morning at 8.35.

A United Nations convoy with communications and service personnel and correspondents left this camp at 7.35 a.m.

The United Nations delegates travelled to Kaesong by jeep as intense rainfall drenched the cease-fire site.—United Press.

No Quick Withdrawal Of UN Troops

Troops Declares Acheson

REJECTS REDS' DEMAND

Washington, July 19. The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, tonight flatly rejected Communist demands for a quick withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea.

Mr Acheson gave the United States' position in an unexpected statement issued only about an hour before the United Nations' truce negotiators were scheduled to meet the Communists in a showdown session in Kaesong.

"If there is an effective armistice, the United Nations force must remain in Korea until genuine peace has been firmly established and the Korean people have an assurance that they can work out their future free from fear of aggression," he said.

His statement was released by the State Department shortly after 7 p.m. EDT after State Department press officers had been hurriedly recalled from home to their offices. The statement barred any compromise with the Reds on their demands for foreign troop withdrawals as part of the current effort to obtain a cease-fire.

Mr Acheson said the United Nations truce delegation had warned the Communists it could not agree to their proposal, "which is political in character and can only be settled by the United Nations and the governments concerned." He recalled that foreign forces were withdrawn from Korea in 1948 and 1949 as part of the United Nations plan to reach final settlement of the Korean problem.

"The Communists committed aggression against the Republic of Korea. The Korean people can be assured that repetition of this act will not be tolerated," he said.

Mr Acheson thus served notice on the Communists that the United States and its United Nations allies are willing to face a breakdown in the truce talks rather than knuckle under to the Communist demand that has derailed the Kaesong negotiations. At the same time, he sought to reassure the Communists that the presence of United Nations troops in Korea during the post-armistice period would not pose a threat to their security. He said the size of any United Nations force staying on in Korea would depend upon the circumstances and "particularly upon the faithfulness with which the armistice is carried out."

Mr Acheson's statement was the first major policy declaration issued in Washington since the Kaesong talks began. It emphasized the importance of the administration attaches to the truce withdrawal issue. The text of the statement is as follows:

"The Communist delegation at Kaesong has raised the question of withdrawal of all foreign forces from Korea in connection with the armistice. The United Nations Command delegation has stated it cannot go into this question, which is political in character and can only be settled by the United Nations and the governments concerned. This is not a theoretical argument as to whether the question is political or military. The United Nations forces are in Korea because of a decision made by the governments to send them to Korea in response to a request by the United Nations. They are there to repel aggression and restore international peace and security in the area.

"If there is an effective armistice, the United Nations force must remain in Korea until genuine peace has been firmly established and the Korean people have an assurance that they can work out their future free from fear of aggression," he said.

Relief Destroyer

Canberra, July 19. The Australian government announced today that a relief destroyer is to be sent to Korea on August 1 to replace the Warramunga until the official relief destroyer, the HMAS Perth, can be sent.

Communists Ready To Attack Again

Tokyo, July 20. An Allied officer said in Korea last night that he had word indicating that the Communists would be all set by today or Saturday to launch a full-scale attack.

A report said that one of the biggest Communist supply operations of the war would be completed by Saturday night, and that enemy front-line forces of hundreds of thousands strong would be in a position to open an offensive.

An officer of a UN commission reported the ominous information to United Press correspondent Frank H. Bartholomew in Seoul.

Long lines of Communist vehicles have been winding down through North Korea to the battle zone for days. The Allied air force stepped up its bombing attacks on Red supply lines during the full moon this week. But sporadic rains and mud impeded them on Thursday.

ENOUGH SUPPLIES

Word that enough food and ammunition to sustain an offensive had reached the Communist front lines came as the Kaesong truce negotiations hit a snag on Thursday. Korean dispatches said many, told that any withdrawal of Allied forces from Korea—evidently the reason for the deadlock at Kaesong—would open the way for an immediate re-invasion of South Korea.

A dispatch from the US advance camp below Kaesong quoted an officer there as saying the "Reds are getting much the worst of this stalemate war. And we intend to see that it gets even tougher. We have been plastering them day and night with bombs and artillery, and we intend to continue our aggressive patrols right up to the hour of any 'agreed cease-fire'."—United Press.

Mr Attlee To Pay Visit To Norway

London, July 19. The Prime Minister Mr Clement Attlee, has accepted an invitation from the Norwegian government to visit Norway on August 2 to August 12, Mr Attlee's office announced today.—Associated Press.

"Every day's delay is going to cost plenty of bombs and shells, but it is going to cost the Communists lives," an officer said at the advance camp.—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Radio Hongkong Programmes

THE correspondent who aired the opinion that Radio Hongkong's programmes are not sufficiently varied to be entertaining has entered into a controversy which past experience has shown to be almost beyond reconciliation. This, however, does not justify total disregard of the complaint, especially as the writer makes the point that thousands of servicemen, as well as an increasing number of civilians who live in the New Territories have to rely to a much larger extent on their radio sets for evening entertainment than those who reside in the urban districts. A very substantial radio listening public exists in outer Kowloon whose tastes in broadcasting programmes cannot be totally ignored. The New Territories correspondent suggests that Radio Hongkong devotes too much time to "stodgy talks and plays, and high-brow concert music." In fact, of course, the station allocates only a fraction of its total broadcasting hours every week to those types of programme. Nevertheless it is noteworthy that the two regular weekly offerings of classical music—the Sunday Night Concert and Classical Requests—are each of one hour's duration, while the great majority of the other evening programmes last only 15 or 30 minutes. Moreover, both classical programmes referred to take the air at the important time of 9.10 or 9.15 and therefore occupy, for many, their last hour of listening before retiring to bed. A very considerable number of listeners may be made to feel happier if both programmes were put back to 10 p.m., and the time up to then filled in with lighter music or variety interludes; or alternatively if those two programmes were each to be cut to half hour duration. The issue raised by the correspondent prompts consideration of one or two other aspects of Radio Hongkong's programmes. There is the question whether the

station could not eliminate one or two current features to the advantage of listeners. One is the 15-minute "Looking Ahead" which is aired at 7.15 every Sunday evening. It conveys little to the listener, who can, in any event, obtain the same information from his newspapers, and it swallows up a valuable quarter of an hour. Five minutes could also be saved every night and used to better effect by elimination of "News Analysis" which follows the BBC news. It represents nothing but opinion expressed in editorialised style which is far better expressed in the later nightly feature "From the Editorials." There is room for pruning and revising Radio Hongkong's programmes. Furthermore, it is open to question whether Radio Hongkong is making the best and fullest use of the BBC Transcription Service which is at its disposal. While we have variety features such as "Take It From Here" and "Ray's a Laugh," as well as BBC serials, a number of outstanding programmes are being overlooked. For example, "The Critics," which is as informative as it is entertaining; Richard Dimbleby's "Down Your Way," which tells better than anything else the real story of Britain and her people; and in the field of variety and light entertainment there is "Educating Archie," which has a bigger listening audience in Britain than any other BBC programme, "Henry Hall's Guest Night," and "Workers' Playtime." These are programmes which are ranked as "must" listening in Britain; they are all "discoed" and therefore, presumably, available to Radio Hongkong through the BBC Transcription Service. They would be enjoyed as much in Hongkong as they are in England and they could beneficially take the place of some of Radio Hongkong's programmes which comprise nothing but commercial records. The subject merits the attention of the appropriate authorities.

The new ruler would be a King, if an acceptable successor of Royal Spanish blood is available.

Don Juan, son of the late King Alfonso XIII, is a long-time pretender to the throne. He has lived in exile in neighbouring Portugal for several years. Spain had not had any King since Alfonso left the throne in 1931. Alfonso died in exile in 1941.

Authoritative sources said last night that Franco and US had reached a basic agreement on using the bases for Western defence. A special US mission will come here soon to discuss plans.

The agreement does not call for a formal Spanish-American alliance, the informants said, and is outside the North Atlantic Treaty alliance.

OPPOSE MOVES

Britain, France and other North Atlantic Pact nations opposed US negotiations with Spain and any thought of bringing that country within the alliance. They fear the US will divert scarce military supplies to Spain and object to the Franco government as Fascist in nature.

Admiral Sherman is said to have asked Franco for the use of naval bases at Cadiz, Cartagena, Ferrol and Santa Cruz in the Canary Islands, and air bases at Barcelona, Madrid, Seville and possibly Valencia and Lugo.

It is believed Franco wants, in return, US help for improving Spain's old highways and railways, industries, air force and army.—Associated Press.

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NEW UNIFORMS
ON PARADE

The French 93rd Infantry Regiment marches down the Champs Elysees wearing the new French Army battle dress in the Bastille Day parade. The uniforms are composed of khaki blouses with baggy trousers whose ample folds allow woollen linings to replace the old-time military topcoats in winter months. — AP Picture.

Egypt Modifies Attitude
In Suez Canal Dispute

Cairo, July 19.

Egypt revealed tonight that she was prepared to allow the passage of Haifa-bound crude oil through the Suez Canal if she received guarantees that Israel would not use the refined oil for aggressive purposes against any Arab country.

The spokesman of the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that these were the terms of a compromise solution of the Suez Canal dispute proposed by the Foreign Minister, Dr Saleh El Din Pasha, to the American Ambassador in Cairo, Mr Jefferson Caffery, on Monday.

War Claims In
Far East

London, July 19.

Mr Arthur Bottomley, Secretary for Overseas Trade, answering a Parliamentary question about war damage in the Far East, said that up to July 14 5,381 applications for compensation had been received under the extended Far Eastern private chattels scheme.

These applications covered estimated losses of about £5,250,000, he said.

At the same date 4,278 of the applications had been approved for an aggregate sum which, under the limitations of the scheme, amounted to £354,395. — Reuter.

AMERICAN
OFFICIALS
HOPEFUL

Washington, July 19.

American officials are hopeful that Britain's decision to accept Greece and Turkey in the Atlantic alliance will encourage other Pact nations to follow suit.

Before the British decision was announced, only the United States and Italy favoured the admission of the two nations as full members.

The smaller Alliance nations particularly had feared that full membership for Greece and Turkey would reduce the amount of American military aid available to them, and would also extend too widely the free nations' obligations to defend each other.

But American officials felt that there were no solid grounds for objection on the arms allocation question as American production has greatly increased since last year, as had production in the Pact nations, and the United States could meet all necessary commitments for defence.

The American High Command had made it clear that they would favour speedy moves which would bring the armed strength of Greece and Turkey into their defence plans.

It is virtually certain that Congress will agree to such a move although some Republican members are cautious.

They want information on what American commitments would be involved in military and economic aid to the two Mediterranean nations if they were brought into full membership. — Reuter.

HARRIMAN MISSION TO PERSIA
BELIEVED TO HAVE
PROVED A FAILUREPresidential Envoy May
Return To US Next Week

Teheran, July 19.

President Truman's "oil crisis" envoy, Mr Averell Harriman, today met Premier Mohammed Mossadeq for the second time, then talked to members of Persia's Oil Commission.

Informed sources said that the conversations had not produced any new element and Mr Harriman was no closer to bringing Persia and Britain to agreement than when he arrived last Monday.

Unless there is some new development, it is understood that Mr Harriman will probably fly back to Washington early next week.

American Embassy sources said that Mr Harriman's findings so far were exactly the same as those gathered in the past few months by the American Ambassador, Dr Henry Grady.

They said the Persian attitude had not modified. On the contrary, it appeared to have hardened into absolute refusal even to consider any modifications of present policy.

But the Persian Press and official radio have insisted in the last few days that Mr Harriman's mission was a success.

A French journalist who wrote to the contrary yesterday was officially reprimanded by the Prime Minister's office for sending "false news."

In London, it was learned that the Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, may announce tomorrow that further withdrawals of staff from the Persian oilfields will take place in the next few days.

Diplomatic quarters believe that the Government intends to take this action unless Mr Harriman's mission to Teheran achieves unexpected success.

Mr Morrison will make a statement to the House of Commons tomorrow on the oil crisis following a meeting of the Cabinet today, according to a usually well-informed source.

MAIN PROBLEM

The main problem before the Ministers was evidence that Mr Harriman has totally failed so far to break the deadlock between the British and Persian Governments.

In Teheran, a Persian Government spokesman tonight denied Persian Press reports that the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, Dr Youssef Moshar, had offered his resignation. The Press reports said that Premier Mossadeq had refused to accept it.

Persian political sources said earlier that Dr Moshar offered to resign because of disagreement over the influence exercised in his department by some of his Cabinet colleagues, especially about alleged unofficial censorship of Press cables.

The Finance Minister, Mr Ali Varasteh, asked the Majlis (Lower House) today to approve a bill to withdraw about £14,000,000 at present in a British bank which provides part of the backing for the Persian currency issue.

Persian Police today took away the resident's permit of Mr Richard Seddon, Anglo-Iranian's chief in Teheran, but the Persian Foreign Ministry answered British protests by saying they had no knowledge of the action.

Police sources said that Mr Seddon—who has been attacked recently for "illegal activities"—might have to leave the country in the next three or four days.

Mr Seddon told Reuters that a Police officer who called at his house to collect the permit said he should apply for an exit permit but did not indicate how much longer he would be allowed to remain in the country. — Reuter.

HARRIMAN STATEMENT

Teheran, July 19.

Mr Averell Harriman, President Truman's special representative said tonight that he would stay in Persia as long as he could be useful, adding "and I believe I can still be useful."

He made this statement after what was expected to be his last meeting with the Persian Oil Commission here tonight.

Kazem Hassibi, a member of the Commission, said, however, to a Reuter correspondent, "We have told Mr Harriman all we can. Unless he has some proposal to make to us (this is our last meeting)."

Mr Hassibi and another member of the Commission, Mr A. Shavagan, both indicated that Persia is willing to have a meeting with the British. They did not specify, however, on what level.

Mr Hassibi said, "The production and refining of oil take place in Persia, therefore they are subject entirely to Persia's law. Distribution, however, is another matter and we are quite willing to discuss that."

GOING AHEAD

"It is possible that Mr Harriman might try to arrange a meeting with the British. We would be willing to talk over the distribution problem with them," he added.

Mr Shavagan said, however, "If the British insist on recognition of The Hague Court recommendations, nothing can be done and there will be complete deadlock."

The Persian attitude at tonight's meeting, and all other meetings with Mr Harriman, was summed up by an influential member of the Commission, Mr Mulla Dattary, who said, "Mr Harriman tried to frighten us by pointing out that once Persian oil markets were lost they would be difficult to regain."

"He pointed out that even if we offered the oil at cut rates it would be difficult to find buyers."

"We have appreciated these difficulties—but we have decided to go ahead just the same." — Reuter.

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FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE

New York, July 19.

The fundamental issue in the British-Iranian oil dispute is whether foreign investors can rely upon the sanctity of contracts entered into abroad, Robert F. Loree, chairman of the National Foreign Trade Council, said in a statement today.

Mr Loree insisted, "The sanctity of contracts is the cornerstone of international confidence and without it neither individual investor nor our Government can afford to send American dollars abroad to develop national resources or industries of under-developed countries."

Mr Loree pointed out that there is no question that Iran owns the oil in question, but Iran had entered into a contract for the development of these resources. If the basis for a modification of the contract exists, the Council believed that a modification could be brought about by negotiation. — United Press.

Minister
Rejects
Suggestion

London, July 19.

Mr Patrick Gordon-Walker, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, today declined to appoint an acting chief of the Bamangwato tribe in Bechuanaland.

Mr Edward Malibou, (Labour) suggested in the House of Commons that this should be done so that the proposed Kgofa to consider the question of the return of the former regent, Tsebedi Khama, to his home as a private citizen, might be called in conformity with native law and custom.

Mr Walker said that there was provision under the laws of the Protectorate whereby, during a vacancy as now exists, the Resident in the Protectorate may authorise any fit and proper person to assemble a kgofa.

In calling the proposed kgofa, due regard would be had to existing law and custom.

Asking members to be careful what they said until the observers arrived there, Mr Gordon-Walker said that there were no disorders in the area until after the recent debate in the House of Commons. It had been shown that things said and done in the Commons had consequences in the tribal area. — Reuter.

TRYING TO SELL OIL

New York, July 19.

Although the Persian Government is making every effort to sell to United States or other interests oil from the Anglo-Iranian properties, there have been no buyers in the United States, according to usually well-informed sources here today.

Oil interests pointed out that the State Department would necessarily be consulted about negotiations or contracts for Persian oil.

They felt that any discussions towards the purchase of such oil would be ruled out while the presidential envoy, Mr Averell Harriman, was in Teheran trying to help in a peaceful settlement of the dispute.

The National Foreign Trade Council said in a statement here today that Persia should know that its course of action in the oil dispute was fundamentally more important to the world at large than to Persia alone.

"The fundamental issue is whether foreign investors can rely upon the sanctity of contracts entered into in good faith with private individuals or governments abroad," the statement said.

The National Foreign Trade Council is a body of wide influence, comprising many leading American business firms. It is believed to be fostering foreign trade. — Reuter.

NO EVIDENCE

Washington, July 19.

President Truman said today that the United States had no evidence of any atomic explosion in the Soviet Union since the first one was reported in 1949.

He made this statement in reply to a question at his weekly news conference today.

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CHANCES SLIM

Paris, July 19.

France today entered her second week in search of a post-election Cabinet without any quick agreement in sight.

M. Rene Mayer, Radical Minister of Justice in the former Government, is trying to form a broad Coalition Cabinet including all parties ranging from Independent Conservatives to Socialists.

His chances are not rated very high in the lobbies today. But when a Government is finally formed, he might well become Foreign Minister, it was thought.

Apart from personal considerations, agreement between the parties is hamstrung by the question of style, aid to religious schools.

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LYING LOW

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Stop That Stopped The Talks



A U.N. convoy, each vehicle with a white flag on its bumper, is stopped at a Communist outpost on the neutral road from Masan to Kaesong as it was refused passage because 20 U.N. newspapermen were included in the party. The incident caused a temporary stoppage of the parleys. — AP Picture.

CABINET CRISIS
IN FRANCE
STILL UNSOLVED

Paris, July 19.

The Justice Minister, M. Rene Mayer, ran into the same difficulties tonight, in his efforts to give France a new coalition government, that wrecked the efforts of the Finance Minister, M. Maurice Petsche.

The Socialists and Catholic Popular Republicans are still split over the key question of State aid to Church schools. The Socialists and Rightists are also split over higher wages for French workers.

The 56-year-old Radical Socialist found those same problems awaiting him when he conferred this afternoon with leaders of Centre Parties and Rightists who form the only possible majority in the new National Assembly. Other Assembly members comprise Communists and followers of General Charles de Gaulle. — United Press.

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Baby-Sitter's Claim

Bridgeport, July 19.

Baby-sitter Natalie Stockman of Fairfield, sued her boss for \$15,000 today. Mrs Stockman charged that the three-year son of Victor H. Savin jumped at her last July, causing her to fall and injure her back and hip.

— United Press.

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Woomera Range Experiments

Perth, July 19. Rockets are now being fired for the first time at the Woomera rocket range in South Australia—the only one of its kind in the British Commonwealth.

This was announced tonight by the retiring Director of the Range, Lieutenant-General Sir John Ewitt, before he embarked on a return to England.—Reuter.

Damage Like An A-Bomb

Washington, July 19. The Economic Director, Mr. Charles Wilson, said today that America's disastrous Mid-West floods had dealt a blow to production "comparable in some respects to an atom bomb."

Mr. Wilson said that America's recovery from the flood damage—already estimated at \$750 million—"would be a significant test of our ability to recover from an atomic bomb attack."

The floods, still crippling the twin Kansas cities on the Kansas-Missouri border, have surged into Central Missouri.

St. Louis, standing at the junction of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, expects the crisis on Sunday. Water is already creeping into some industrial districts.

In Missouri and Kansas thousands of acres of countryside and the big cities are emerging from the receding floodwaters.—Reuter.

NEHRU'S MESSAGE

Washington, July 19. Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru sent President Truman a personal note of sympathy on Thursday for the suffering caused by floods in Kansas and Missouri.

Mr. Nehru said: "I heartily with deep regret of the very serious damage and loss of life and property caused by floods in the States of Kansas and Missouri. Please accept, Mr. President, my Government's and my people's deep sympathy at this calamity which has overtaken so many people. We in India have had the misfortune to suffer from serious floods in the past, and so we can appreciate the suffering caused by such natural calamities and extend our sympathies."

Meanwhile the Indian Ambassador in Washington, Madame Vidya Pandit, sent similar letters of sympathy to the Governors of the two stricken States.—United Press.

Taken For A Ride

Melbourne, July 19. Escapes from a prison farm in the western district of Victoria thumbed a ride from a car carrying Police who were searching for them. They got their ride.—Reuter.

West Speculating Over The Next Move By Soviet Russia

New York, July 19.

Western diplomats who saw the pendulum of Russian pressure swing eastward after settlement of the Berlin blockade dispute two years ago, are watching now to see whether it is about to swing westward again.

Just how far the consolidation of Russian and Chinese Communist interests has gone is still a debatable factor. Communist intentions toward Burma and Indo-China, from which they were somewhat diverted by the Korean war, are being closely watched.

Chinese Nationalist reports of Communist troop concentrations near Indo-China received a little more credence recently than they would have before the matter of the Korean truce came up.

Despite the Korean war, however, Russia already had been forced to shift a large part of her attention back to Europe because of rearmament there and the prospect that Western Germany was about to become an ally in the Atlantic Pact programme.

Western military aid for Yugoslavia was expected to bring its reaction in the European satellites, already busily rearming.

The Cominform is expected to be encouraged to new activity in the West by the failure of French, Italian and Finnish elections to produce as great a popular defection from the Communist Party as might have been hoped after three years of the Marshall Plan and the general hardening of the West's anti-Russian policy.

Russia is at present involved in an intensive campaign to make her sphere economically self-sustaining, involving controls on which areas shall produce what for consumption by whom. But this applies to China as well as to Russia and the European satellites, and in this field the pendulum seems to be balanced.

SLY GAME
Russia is playing a sly game in Iran, doing nothing which might encourage American intervention in favour of the British. The Tudeh Party, outlawed Communist fifth column there, is content for the moment to wait stolidly under the cloak of Nationalism, awaiting the day when Iran may come apart as the result of chaos in the oil industry, and so open the door to infiltration.

The pendulum could easily swing from the Far East to the Middle East if such a moment arrives.

Russia started some more economic trouble in Berlin just recently, and in their anxiety to clean it up Allied officials allowed themselves to be manoeuvred into new four-power talks. Moscow's design, of course, was to use them for continuation of the tug-of-war over Germany.

which was recently adjourned in Paris. Whether she intends to renew real trouble in Berlin, however, is a matter of conjecture.

At any rate, Russia can be counted upon not to let her disturbing energies lie idle. If they are not needed in Korea, they will be applied somewhere else.

Russia has never yet envisioned the possibilities—and this factor may yet prove to have been the saviour of the West—of letting things get quiet and taking advantage of the Democratic tendency to go to sleep.—Associated Press.

THREAT TO BURMA

Rangoon, July 19. Red China's future intentions towards Burma are revealed by reports of military training from Chinese Reds, the pro-Government Burmese newspaper, New Light of Burma, said editorially.

The reports said the Communists from Burma were being shaped into soldiers at the Chinese town of Paoshan, 90 miles from the China-Burma border.

Recalling that Red China has not refused reports that the Communists intend "liberating" Burma within two years, the paper said these reports must be considered true until Peking officially repudiated them.—Associated Press.

GENERAL'S WARNING

Washington, July 19. General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, said today that if Europe and the Middle East should fall under Communist domination, the Western Hemisphere would suffer almost certain war or economic strangulation.

"The political, economic and ultimate military conflict that would ensue is dreadful to contemplate," he said. "It is by no means certain we could survive such a conflict."

General Collins appeared at a closed session of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to support the proposed \$8,500,000 foreign aid bill. His preliminary statement to the Committee was released to the Press. He also said:

"The stark fact is that we need a free Europe and Europe needs us. Only our combined strength can make us secure. Even if there were few bonds of friendship and no cultural ties, the nations of Western Europe would still be necessary to the survival of the free world. General Eisenhower's headquarters are no longer a command without troops. The forces of land, sea and air stretching from both shores of the Atlantic and they are training alongside each other in excellent harmony."—United Press.



Steel-helmeted National Guardsmen struggle to hold back a yelling mob of over 4,000 in the all-white Chicago suburb where a Negro family had rented a flat a few days previously. Anti-Negro demonstrations started immediately and became worse; the family's furniture was hurled out of the windows and fire-bombs were thrown into the flat.—AP Picture.

Commons May Debate The Japanese Peace Treaty

London, July 19.

The proposed Japanese peace treaty may be one of the subjects discussed in a House of Commons debate on general foreign policy next Wednesday, Mr. James Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, said today.

Several Members pressed for a separate debate on the treaty in view of its importance to the British textile industry.

But Mr. Ede, who as leader of the House of Commons' fixes Parliamentary business, said that this would be difficult to arrange. He also announced that there would be a debate on Middle East problems on Monday, July 30.

Meanwhile it was reliably learned in Washington that invitations to the Japanese peace conference are expected to be issued to 15 countries by the United States tomorrow.

The peace conference is due to be held in San Francisco from about September.

Meanwhile, the United States is awaiting the reaction of the 15 countries of the Far Eastern Commission to which circulated copies of the Anglo-American draft treaty early this month.

Their comments and suggestions are due to be made by tomorrow.

It is expected that some minor changes in language would be made to conform with the wishes of the main participating countries and that a revised draft would be circulated within the next week or two.—Reuter.

KOREAN DEMAND

Washington, July 19. South Korea made an apparently foredoomed demand on Thursday for a seat at the Japanese peace conference meeting at San Francisco in September.

Simultaneously, it was learned that the United States will issue invitations on Friday for 50 nations to attend the historic parity. The Republic of South Korea is not on the list.

The meeting will open on September 4—six years and two days after VJ-Day. It is expected that the United States will issue invitations on Friday for 50 nations to attend the historic parity. The Republic of South Korea is not on the list.

Britain Watching Kashmir Position

London, July 19.

Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, was asked in the House of Commons today for the terms of the message he had had from the Pakistan Government about the security of the Kashmir and Punjab frontier and what answer he had given.

He replied: "The Pakistan Minister for Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations has informed our acting High Commissioner in Karachi verbally of certain movements of Indian forces which the Pakistan Government believe to have taken place."

"No other message has been received from the Pakistan Government and the nature of the communication was not such as would call for a specific reply."

"The British Government are watching the situation closely and our representatives in New Delhi and Karachi are in close touch with the Governments of India and Pakistan."

Mr. Austin Low (Conservative) who had raised the matter, asked, "Is not this unhappy situation linked up with the failure to reach a settlement over Kashmir? Will you try to reach a settlement as soon as possible?"

Mr. Gordon-Walker replied that he was unable to say.

pected to last about four days and President Truman may attend the actual signing ceremonies.

The formal Korean demand for inclusion was made by Ambassador Y. C. Yang during an hour-long conference with the United States treaty negotiator, Mr. John Foster Dulles. Mr. Yang reported that Mr. Dulles promised to give sympathetic consideration to the request, but did not commit himself.

Other officials said the United States will reject the Korean demand. They were understood to feel that South Korea was not one of the combination of powers which defeated Japan, although it achieved independence as a result of the victory.

THREE DEMANDS
Mr. Yang repeated his nation's contention that it should be a party to the treaty conference because we have been fighting the Japanese longer than any other nation. He was referring to the Korean resistance movement during the Japanese 40-year occupation of the peninsula.

The Korean envoy also made three other demands which the American officials might honour. They were: a provision in the treaty for the surrender of all Japanese property claims in Korea; restrictions on Japanese fishing close to the Korean coast and the custody of islands of the small Japanese islands of Parangdo and Dokdo off Korea's eastern coast.

Mr. Yang said his country has abandoned for the time being its claim to the big island of Tsushima farther to the south.

The two small islands which the Koreans demand are said here to be merely rocks in the vicinity of the large islands of Ullungdo. However, they are considered as useful as bases for fishing fleets.—United Press.

Fluctier, July 19. Swiss engineers have completed the digging of a new river bed for the Arcus River, near here, to prevent its constant flooding.—Reuter.

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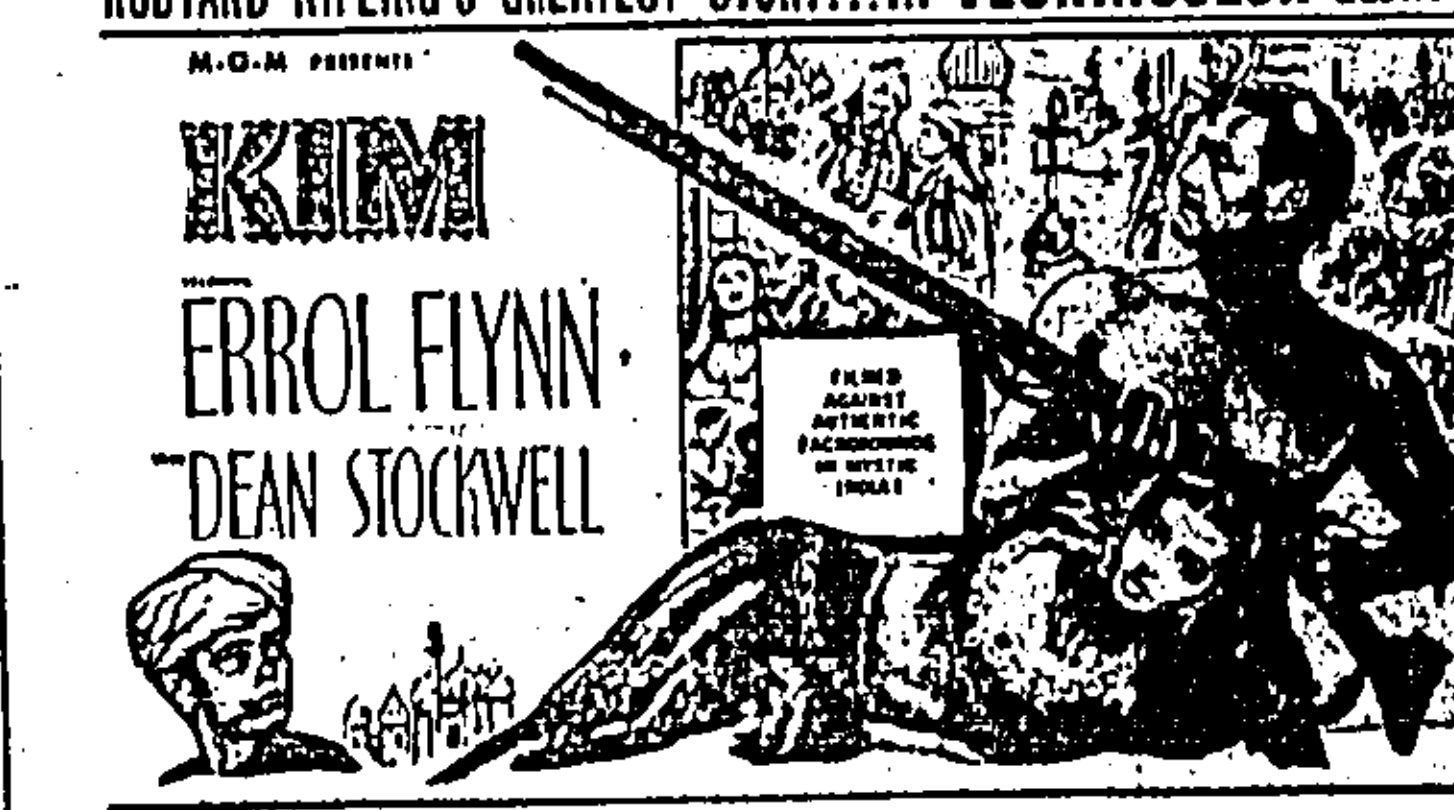
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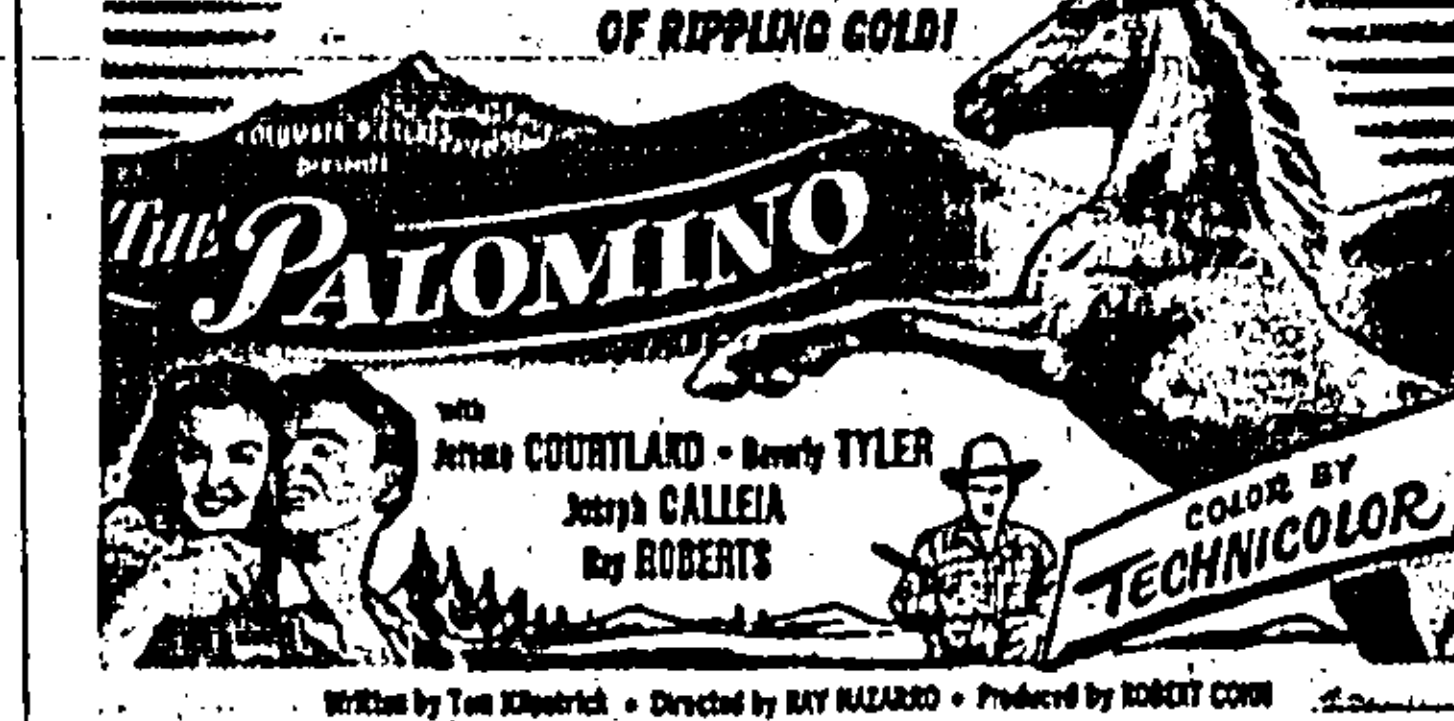
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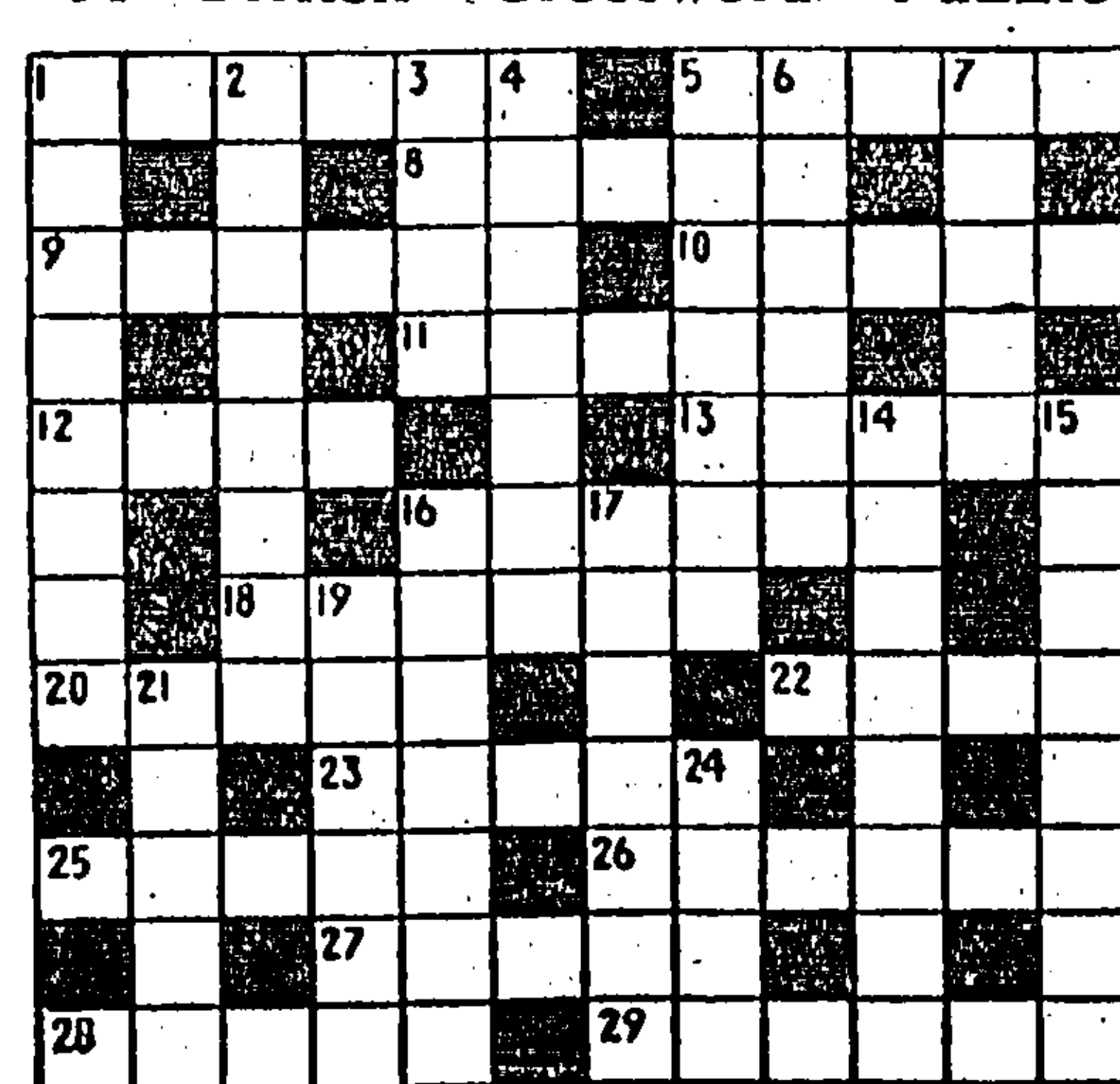
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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
1 Make beloved (6).
5 Distinguishing sign (5).
8 Unorthodox (6).
9 Cleric (6).
10 Young branch (5).
11 Affray (5).
12 Measure of land (4).
13 Gross (5).
16 Delighted (6).
18 Clutches (6).
20 Prevent (6).
22 Fete (4).
23 Flak (5).
25 Counterfeit (5).
26 Hanging ice (6).
27 Show in (5).
28 Docrine (5).
29 Various (6).
- DOWN
1 Hugged (8).
2 Divert (8).
3 Particle (4).
4 Revokes (7).
5 Divides in two (7).
6 Slick to (6).
7 Lustre (6).
14 Leaned (8).
15 Art of manoeuvre (8).
16 Serious (7).
17 Administrators (7).
18 Confederacy (8).
21 Run off (5).
24 Linen colour (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Recess, 5 Image, 8 Tumb, 11 Parody, 12 Supple, 14 Bore, 16 Icons, 18 Aware, 19 Plot, 20 Orion, 24 Tenor, 25 Senate, 26 Moor, 27 Dregs, 28 Neither. Down: 1 Romp, 2 Cuts, 3 Stop, 4 Senile, 6 Impert, 8 Apricot, 7 Endorse, 10 Tudor, 13 Daunted, 14 Balance, 16 Reforms, 17 Colon, 19 Poison, 21 Sore, 22 Nash, 23 Tumb.

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LAUGHTON says: YOU ENGLISH SCARE ME

by KENNETH TYNAN

A FEW weeks ago a permanent repertory company of film actors, recently he has taken to solo dramatic recitals. In a two-and-a-half-hour programme he reads excerpts from the Bible, Dickens, Thomas Woolf, and James Thurber, and the success of these monologues has inspired the idea that he should read the whole of "King Lear" with the movie cameras turning.

Laughton, a 52-year-old son of Scarborough, has not appeared in Britain since 1936, when he played Captain Hook in "Peter Pan" at the Palladium.

Now, in company with Agnes Moorehead, Cecil De Mille, and Charles Boyer, he is touring the provinces in Shaw's "Don Juan in Hell," playing the Devil—a study in sly villainy which differs from Hook only in being mellow and more disillusioned.

Laughton has spent the prime of his life in Hollywood. Then a photograph of his arrival there on the foot-board of the train behind him are written the words: "Watch Your Step."

During what promised to be the most productive decade of his career he stayed, watchfully, on the same step, meeting him today, one is amazed that he still feels any responsibilities at all towards the theatre.

He was rushed to fame in one sudden startled jump—in 1926 a student, in 1928 playing leads in the West End.

He had a gift—rare, in young actors—for seeming to be 40 on stage; youth and old age, the juvenile's usual province, were both beyond him.

At the age of 28 he was using this gift in a play called "The Happy Family," when the New York producer Gilbert Miller cabled to London: "GET IN TOUCH WITH MIDDLE-AGED AMERICAN ACTOR NOW. APPEARING IN PRODUCTION OF HAPPY FAMILY."

Ironically, Miller was a prophet; now successfully naturalised, Laughton has become a middle-aged American actor.

From his early thirties, movies have captivated him. He was constantly being spurred to make the stage his home, but of the parts most frequently suggested to him—Doctor Johnson, Cagliostro, Faust, Columbus, Pepsy, and the Devil—he has played only the last.

His film triumphs—"Henry VIII," "Ruggles of Red Gap," "Mutiny on the Bounty" and "The Barretts of Wimpole Street"—were all finished before his fortieth year; and in the last decade his reputation has suffered a slow sag.

'Terrified'

I ASKED him why he chose Hollywood. From the depths of his face he said: "I'm far less scared of the camera and American audiences than I am of English ones. They terrify me." He sat slumped in his hotel room; the collar of his blue shirt protruded unmanageably over his sports-jacket. The chasm between his jaws is bridged by black, curly lips, on which words sit lovingly.

His voice, which has no trace of American accent, flabbily nudges your ear; it has acquired a pedagogic note, the dry authority of a teacher. "Have you ever had any interest outside acting?" I said. "Acting," he murmured, and smiled. His smile is that of a small boy jowling peeping at life in a nudist colony.

The Angel-fish

IN repose his face is a blank; it belongs to a moonbeam, perhaps to the moon itself. You might cast him, on its evidence, as Chloé in "Cymbeline," or, more appropriately, as that tireless organiser of amateur theatricals, Bottom, in a "Midsummer Night's Dream," or even as Caliban in "The Tempest," for with his large watery eyes he sometimes has the look of an undersea monster aground on a fishmonger's slab. In one of his first films, "The Devil and the Deep," he played a submarine commander; and he still reminds me of an angel-fish, if that is the one that indicates when it seems trouble. A water brought his breakfast.

"Thank you," he said, with the air of a man quietly closing a distasteful subject. We talked about Hollywood, except for the late Irving Thalberg and the early Alexander Korda, he loathes all film producers ("They are thugs") with the intensity of a chambermaid. He has abandoned his pipe-dream of working with a



At 52, a more boy of 40.

Just Peter Pan

LAUGHTON today looks the reverse of tired and disenchanted. Captain Hook has returned in the character of Peter Pan. The man of fifty looks like a more boy of forty, a lordly urchin playing a hard game of marbles with his own talents. He is as ageless as Humpty-Dumpty.

The secret of his freshness possibly lies in his boredom with anything that has ever been done before.

As actor, he goes to fantastic lengths to avoid the obvious; called upon to express simple love or hatred, he will offer instead lechery or disgust. His style is circuitous, and rarely stops on to the direct highway to an audience's heart. In this he is like the man in Chesterton's poem who would travel to John O'Groats by way of Brachy Head.

Laughton arrives at his characteristics panting, having picked up a hundred assorted oddments on the way; and the result is always a fascinating and unique mosaic. He took leave of me in the manner of a butler begging an afternoon off. As a friend of his once commented: "Considering he's a great man, Charles makes his voice do an awful lot of bowing and scraping."

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SALE-TIME PRE-VIEW

Seven men marched in—all the same size, all dressed alike; and in 20 minutes they stole 1,270,000 dollars. They have never been caught, in spite of a dead-or-alive reward offer. Now—

London insurance firm pays a million dollars

LONDON. A BRITISH insurance company—Commercial Union Assurance, of London—has paid out more than 1,000,000 dollars (about £333,333) to an American armoured car service, which was robbed last year.

The robbery was the most lucrative in the Western world for a long time; the bandits took 1,270,000 dollars (£426,333), and they have not been caught.

There were seven of them, and they moved in single file into the Boston counting house of Brink's Inc. one night in January 1950. They were all the same size and they were dressed alike.

They tied up the cashiers and took 20 minutes to scoop the money into bags.

The bandits were hunted by 3,000 police. Brink's offered 100,000 dollars (£33,333) for their dead or alive. To this the insurance company added five percent of any money recovered.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has suggested that the men might have been Communists.

Some detectives have claimed that the Communist Party is one of the few bodies able to muster enough men of the same height, build and general appearance. These theorists say, too, that the party could provide the brains to plan a difficult robbery (without maiming anyone), and the discipline to keep quiet about it.

Hoover's reflection: "It would be a fine sum of money to have for subversive purposes."

by
**GEORGE
HUTCHINSON**

Whoever they were, these robbers added more than most to British insurance losses. How much do our companies lose abroad?

They pay out in claims more than half of what they earn from foreign customers. This earning is about £350 million a year. So the "loss" abroad can be put at something more than £175 million, half the premium income from overseas policies. Just what it is, nobody knows. But I should say it is around £250 million.

Even so, insurance is one of our most valuable invisible exports, a great earner of foreign currency. And it has another value, another importance. It heightens our international prestige. It is good for Britain's reputation that so many people abroad insure—with our companies. They do so because they trust us.

We do business with all the world. Even with Russia and the other Communist countries. The Communists do not patronise us very much, but obviously there are more than financial advantages in accepting what business they offer.

If our premium income from abroad is £350 million, what is the value of the property this sum insures? It is so great that it cannot be assessed; billions and billions of pounds.

Big insurances are nearly always spread among a number of companies. The spread is international, too; we share our

risks with firms in other countries. So when there is catastrophe, such as the destruction of a town, the whole loss does not fall on the insurance companies of one country.

It was a British company that insured the American atom bomb plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. We insure whaling stations from Greenland down to South Georgia, in the Antarctic. A camel caravan carrying rugs from Teheran to the Persian Gulf was insured in London. So was a fur coat that the Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia gave his wife.

Mills in India, a collection of golden relics in Colombia, live penguins in transit from Montevideo, Nigerian groundnuts (not to be confused with Mr. Strachey's), Edgar Bergen's dummies, minks in Canada—all these have been insured in Britain.

Carrying money overseas is a risky enterprise in Malaya just now. So some plantation owners are having wages dropped by aeroplane. The pilot serves six or seven plantations on one trip. And here in London men insure the money he flies.

In one of Africa's national parks it is always possible that you may be eaten by a lion. Wise administrators admit the chance—and take out public liability policies in London. Many foreigners resent the success of British insurance abroad. They try to damage us. But our overseas business is prospering. Our companies are earning more money about than they have ever earned before.

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IT MADE NEWS IN JULY

If you enjoy a cigarette spare a thought for **ROBERT PEACOCK GLOAG**, who introduced cigarettes to Britain 96 years ago.

In the Crimea he saw Russian soldiers rolling tobacco in paper and smoking it. So Gloag built a shed in his garden at Waltham, S. E., and taught cockney girls how to make the new smokes. They were twice as thick and half as long again as today's, and they cost three for 1d. It happened in the first fortnight in July.

He fell out of a balloon

ON July 13, 1840, the world learned of a strange flying accident.

A balloon was discovered in the grounds of Godney Manor, near Glastonbury. In the balloon ear villagers found a jacket, a pair of boots, and a neckerchief—but no occupant.

Five days later the body of a man named **GREEN** was recovered from the Severn. He had taken off in the balloon from Cardiff and fallen out.

Also on a July 13—in 1911—the Duke of Windsor was involved as Prince of Wales at Carnarvon Castle amid scenes of great rejoicing. He was 17.

On the plate was an image

A HUNDRED years ago the world saw the first of **LOUIS JACQUES MUGGERE** who put photography on a commercial basis. His "daguerreotype" portraits are still kept in British homes for sentimental reasons. The little brass frames invariably contain pictures of great-grandparents.

Daguerre once left an under-exposed plate in a cupboard, and forgot all about it. When next he went to the cupboard he found the plate contained a perfect image—due to action of vapours from a dish of mercury. That was how it all began.

Stole the bell and perished

ROBERT STEVENSON, of Glasgow, who built many of our light-houses, died on July 12, 1850.

In 1807 he built the famous Bell Rock Light-house. It lies 12 miles off the Firth of Tay, and replaced a bell. Legend says the bell, which was maintained by a local abbot, was stolen by a pirate. A year later the pirate and his ship perished upon the same rock.

(—London Express Service.)

INSIDE INFORMATION

By MERCURY

BRITAIN is being urged by Canada to invest \$50,000,000 in N. Alberta oilfields.

The decision will be postponed till three Anglo-Canadian experts have reported on the feasibility of producing oil from tar sands there.

America is spending \$300,000 surveying Alberta and Saskatchewan oil deposits.

Lowow is fast becoming a major Russian oil centre.

Peron has ordered security officers to report on Russian diplomats' activities in Argentina.

Franco has agreed to meet De Gaulle's representative in Madrid for defence talks.

Sweet rationing will end in Britain in September.

The Israeli Government is concerned over the large number of Arab refugees conscripted into the Egyptian forces.

Russian security officers are beating up Bulgarian peasants

who refuse to pool 1951 grain stocks.

America is financing the production of uranium, cobalt, copper, tin and manganese in the Belgian Congo.

She has agreed to build three power stations on the Congo river.

China has protested to Russia over non-deliveries of arms, planes and tanks promised in March.

Britain, the U.S., France and the Netherlands have agreed to pay higher royalties for Iraq oil.

Britain is to ask Iraq to re-open the Haifa pipeline, and hopes soon to put Haifa's 4,500,000-ton refinery into service.

General Jull will refuse Eisenhower's offer of deputy Commander-in-Chief, Frankfurt sector.

New Zealand is considering conscription for 20,000 men aged 21 for overseas service. National Service men below that age group will remain on home defence.

The Admiralty is to release more ships from reserve to meet overseas commitments.

At least one battleship will be commissioned.

Polish ships in recent Baltic exercises were refused entry to Leningrad Harbour.

Russian security officers had reported careless talk among the crews.

Italy will join the U.N. only if granted equal status.

Former U-boat commanders who escaped to Russia are to train Chinese submarine crews in a new technique based on Anglo-U.S. exercises.

A legal adviser has informed the Foreign Office that there can be no proceedings against the two missing British diplomats, should they return to the U.K.

Canada's wheat crop for 1951 is expected to break all records.

America is to build a new 1,000 m.p.h. fighter. The pilot will fly full length at the controls to avoid black-outs.

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WARWICKSHIRE GAIN THEIR THIRD SUCCESSIVE TWO-DAY VICTORY

London, July 19.

The County Cricket Championship leaders, Warwickshire, gained their third successive two-days' victory in beating Middlesex at Birmingham today by 10 wickets.

It was Warwickshire's fourth two-day win in their last five matches and it put them in a strong position at the head of the table with 164 points.

The latest victory against a weakened Middlesex side again demonstrated the bowling strength of the leaders. Whereas Pritchard and Grove, the pace men, did the damage in the first innings, Hollies routed Middlesex with his puzzling flight and spin. His six wickets cost 26 runs in 21 overs, over half of them maidens.

Earlier in the day, Warwickshire gained a lead of 83 runs after they had lost three wickets for 34 runs. Dollyer once again stiffened the middle of the batting and his 72 runs included 10 fours.

They needed only three runs to win when they batted a second time, Middlesex having been dismissed for 85 runs.

GENTS V. PLAYERS

Peter May, the Cambridge University and Surrey batsman, who made 110 runs not out for The Gentlemen against The Players at Lords today, is the second player since the war to score a century in the fixture while still at a University.

Marlin Donnelly, the New Zealand, Warwickshire and Oxford University left-hander, made 102 runs not out in the 1947 match.

May reached his 50 runs in two hours. After this he played with the utmost confidence and scored at a good pace. He was marked by Ikin when near his century but he reached three figures after batting for three and three-quarter hours.

He remained undefeated, having hit one five and 13 fours.

John Ikin, the England opener, showed his usefulness as a change bowler by taking three wickets with his right-arm slow.

Northamptonshire were in a strong position today to force their first win of the season. After scoring 430 runs for seven wickets declared, Northamptonshire dismissed Surrey for 184 runs, and at the end of the day Surrey needed 148 runs with five second innings wickets standing to avoid an innings defeat.

Northamptonshire were indebted to some fine bowling by S. Starc, who took four wickets for 50 runs in the first innings and captured three second innings wickets. —Reuter.

S. AFRICANS V. DERBY

Derby, July 19. Entertaining batting put South Africa in a good position by the end of the second day of their match against Derbyshire here today.

At the close they declared with 392 runs for nine wickets, 124 runs ahead of Derbyshire, who had scored 285 runs yesterday.

The touring team seldom looked to be in difficulties today although the county's bowling was steady and the fielding good. The pitch was firm until the evening, when it began to be lively and may give Derbyshire trouble when they bat for a second time tomorrow.

Jackie McGlew and Eric Rowan laid a good foundation to the innings when they put on 96 runs for the second wicket. Rowan dominated the stand, making strokes, all round the wicket, and reached 74 runs, including nine fours, in two hours.

John Waite, whose batting has improved throughout the tour, was unlucky to miss his fourth century by only one run. He was at the wicket for three hours and displayed some excellent outside strokes. He hit eight fours.

After the South Africans had passed the county's total with only four wickets down, the batsmen started to hit out. Percy Marshall (51) and Athol Rowan (37) punished the tired bowling and the former hit two mighty sixes off Hall.

Cliff Gladwin, the former England pace bowler, bowled steadily and was the most successful for Derbyshire, taking four wickets for 72 runs in 31 overs.

At one stage he had four men in his leg-trap and only one in front of the wicket on the off but by pitching just short of a length he was able to stop the batsmen playing the ball in that direction. —Reuter.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

London, July 19.

The following were the close of play scores in first-class cricket matches played today:

At Lords: The Players 361 (Divecha, right-arm medium swing bowler, five for 61). The Gentlemen 301 for nine. (P. May 119 not out, Insole 50).

At Birmingham: Warwickshire beat Middlesex by 10 wickets. Middlesex 181 and 85.

At Liverpool: Hampshire 223 and four for no wicket, Lancashire 341 (G. Edrich 155, Place 55, Shackleton, right-arm fast medium bowler, five for 109).

At Maidstone: Kent 143 and 189 for two (Fagg 88 not out, Davies 66). Yorkshire 304 (Lowson 155, Lester 50).

At Oval: Northamptonshire 430 for seven declared. Surrey 184 (Eric Bedford 77, McIntyre 51) and 108 for five.

At Llanelli: Glamorgan 357 and six for no wicket, Sussex 298 (John Langridge 82, Oakman 69, Cliff three for six).

At Nottingham: Somerset 396 (Tordoff 87 not out, Harvey five for 117). Nottinghamshire 274 for six (Clay 112, Poole 61).

At Evesham: Worcester 309 (Dewes 61, Mortimore five for 116, Wells five for 90). Gloucestershire 176 (Perks, seven for 65) and 150 for two (Emmett 80 not out). —Reuter.

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SURPRISE CHOICE
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THE 'TURPIN CIRCUS'



Trainer Bill Hyam spoons ice-cream from a tub. Ted Morgan holds a glass. Sparring partner Eddie Phillips nurses his face. Brother Jackie Turpin sports a large ring. And pensively opposite him is brother Dick.

Then there is Randolph resting on his bed, in elastic-sided slippers. The crucifix is a gift from his mother. The horseshoe, from an Irish racehorse-owner. The befeathered Sioux brave, from a girl fan. There are "funnies" to read and a magazine with a Much-Man athlete on the cover. (London Express Service)

Test Selectors Threw Away An Opportunity To Experiment

Says PETER DITTON

What a glorious opportunity for experiment the Selectors threw away when choosing the sides for the Gentlemen v Players now being played at Lords. Here was a magnificent chance to "blood" some of the young cricketers of England; to introduce them to the big-match set-up and to sort out the probabilities from the possibilities.

During recent years the Gents v Players fixture has shown up the gradual superiority of those in the paid ranks. But still the game is rated as one of the major attractions of the season and the big-match temperament is needed here almost as much as in a Test trial.

The Players side for the match includes eight members of the victorious Third Test XI, plus Compton, Robertson (Middlesex) and Hilton (Lancashire).

It seems as though players like Spooner of Warwickshire, who is having a truly great season, are to be forever ignored by the powers that be.

It is not only my own opinion, but that of more than one player; that if Spooner were in the England Test team at this moment Godfrey Evans of Kent would have no chance of displacing him.

Yet Evans continues to hold his place. In the team, and Spooner, by far the better batsman, cannot even get swaguarded by selection to play in a fixture such as Gents v Players.

Take, too, the case of Ekanayake of Worcestershire. He has been selected as England's 12th man on several occasions. He is a likely candidate for the trip to India. But no room can be found for him in the Players XI.

It is all the more disappointing, therefore, to find that the Gentlemen's XI contains only one player, Marshall, new to representative honours, and that in the Players' team there is not one, now that Graveney has been capped, who has not already played for his country.

What is great pity, this is that there has been no Test trial and some of the best players in the country have been left out of the first-class match.

There is no doubt that a Test trial would have been a great help to the selectors in their choice of the England Test team. It would have shown up the strengths and weaknesses of the players in a way that a first-class match cannot do.

With the exception of Smith, the players I have mentioned are young and have much to learn. It is a pity that they have not been given the opportunity to play in a big match.

HOW WALCOTT WON THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Pittsburgh, July 18.

Jersey Joe Walcott, 37-year-old father of six children, achieved one of the most stunning upsets in heavyweight boxing history tonight when he wrested the world championship from Ezzard Charles on a knock-out at 51 seconds of the seventh round in his fifth try for the title.

Brown-skinned, bull-shouldered Jersey Joe was the oldest man ever to win the heavyweight crown. The previous "oldest" record was held by Bob Fitzsimmons, who at the age of 36 took the title from James J. Corbett in 1897.

Walcott also was the most persevering contender in history. He lost twice to Charles and twice to Joe Louis in championship fights. Tonight he turned the trick with a smashing left hook to Charles' chin in the seventh round. Charles fell forward on his face and lay on the canvas until referee, the McTiernan, had counted the count on nine. Then he managed to rise nearly erect but fell backwards to the canvas in a neutral corner without being hit as the referee counted 10 and out.

The fight, staged before 30,000 shrieking fans at Forbes Field, began bitterly when Charles' co-

said amid pandemonium in his dressing room:

"I read my Bible before the fight, I prayed before every round, I asked God to help me. I could have gone and gone and gone."

The scene was different in Charles' dressing room. The dethroned champion wore a look of utter amazement. "I just can't believe it—I can't believe it," he said as his pretty wife stood by.

"Kinda remember trying to get up at the count of five or six, but that is all I remember."

MANAGER SUSPENDED

Pittsburgh, July 18.

"Life begins at 37," said a jubilant Jersey Joe Walcott tonight after wrestling the world heavyweight championship from Ezzard Charles by a knock-out. "I am ready to meet Charles again, or any other contender."

A contract signed by Walcott before tonight's bout provides for a return title fight within 90 days. It is not certain yet whether it will again be held in Pittsburgh, or at New York.

Jake Mintz, co-manager of Charles, was indefinitely suspended from boxing tonight as a result of his actions at the ringside before the fight. George Jones, chairman of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, ordered the suspension "for actions detrimental to boxing."

Mintz objected loudly before the fight to the appointment of Charles' manager as one of the judges on grounds that Daggett was a member of the Philadelphia district, whereas Mintz believed all officials should be from the Pittsburgh district.

Charles' handlers threatened to call off the dog if Daggett were not removed. But Commission John Holman told Charles to go on with the fight or have his title vacated. Mintz was ejected from the ringside for shaking his fist under the nose of John DaGross, commissioner from the Philadelphia district. —United Press.

Turpin Sailing For U.S. On August 15

London, July 18.

Randolph Turpin, world middleweight champion, will sail for the United States on the Queen Mary on August 15 to defend his title against "Sugar" Ray Robinson on September 12. — United Press.

managers at first refused to go on because a man from Philadelphia, Charles Daggett, was appointed a judge. They thought all officials should be from the Pittsburgh area. But their final decision was then followed the end of Charles as champion.

BEDLAM OF CHEERING

At the knock-out, the baseball park of the Pittsburgh Pirates immediately burst into a bedlam of frenzied cheering and milling about. The red, white and blue ropes of the ring did not prevent wildly excited fans from leaping into the ring and swarming about the jubilant new champion.

Pittsburgh's first official heavyweight championship fight was a smashing success for everybody but 31-year-old Charles, at-tempting the ninth defense of the crown he had won by beating Walcott in a contender's bout at Chicago in June, 1949.

Walcott, a five-to-one underdog, had been fighting on even terms in the first six rounds, according to the United Press box score. But he had inflicted the most damage.

He slipped a deep gash beneath Charles' right eye with a slingshotting left hook in the third round and cut the champion's lower lip badly in the fifth.

Charles, who had turned savage in his triumph over light heavyweight champion Joey Maxim at Chicago at Memorial Day, appeared determined to knock out old man Walcott tonight.

Instead of resorting to his usual defensive counter-punching, he attempted to stand inside Walcott's hooks with his own right uppercut and left hooks to the body and head.

Charles had a slight edge in the slow first round, but Walcott's hooks gave him a slim margin in the second, which was also dull. After that the pace stepped up.

Walcott won the third session by a wide margin by staggering the champ, and the pair fought on even terms in the fourth. Charles had an edge in the furious exchanges of the fifth round, although he took a hard straight right to the chin. The sixth also was even.

But in the seventh round, the brown "Cinderella man" from Camden, New Jersey, went to town with a left hook that left no room for argument. He came out punching and continued to do so until the crucial left hook dropped the younger champion like an ox.

It was the first defeat for Charles since 1947, when Ezzard dropped a disputed decision to Almer Ray at Madison Square Garden. Since then, Charles had won 24 straight victories, 16 of them by knockout.

Walcott's defeat was the sixth and the second knock-out of his career. He had fought 10 career fights, losing only one.

Associated Press wires from Pittsburgh reported that Walcott had won the world heavyweight championship by a knock-out at 51 seconds of the seventh round.

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LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

The following are Club selections for League Lawn Bowls fixtures to-morrow, all games commencing 3.30 p.m. sharp:

1st Division "White" v Craighower Cricket Club at Happy Valley. — J. M. Gormley, A. V. Gormley, F. M. Gormley, L. F. Gormley, B. Gormley, C. Gormley, D. Gormley, E. Gormley, F. Gormley, G. Gormley, H. Gormley, I. Gormley, J. Gormley, K. Gormley, L. Gormley, M. Gormley, N. Gormley, O. Gormley, P. Gormley, Q. Gormley, R. Gormley, S. Gormley, T. Gormley, U. Gormley, V. Gormley, W. Gormley, X. Gormley, Y. Gormley, Z. Gormley.

2nd Division "Blue" v Hongkong Football Club at Happy Valley. — N. Bell, R. Bell, S. Bell, T. Bell, U. Bell, V. Bell, W. Bell, X. Bell, Y. Bell, Z. Bell.

3rd Division "Green" v Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley. — J. M. Gormley, A. V. Gormley, F. M. Gormley, L. F. Gormley, B. Gormley, C. Gormley, D. Gormley, E. Gormley, F. Gormley, G. Gormley, H. Gormley, I. Gormley, J. Gormley, K. Gormley, L. Gormley, M. Gormley, N. Gormley, O. Gormley, P. Gormley, Q. Gormley, R. Gormley, S. Gormley, T. Gormley, U. Gormley, V. Gormley, W. Gormley, X. Gormley, Y. Gormley, Z. Gormley.

4th Division "Yellow" v Indian Recreation Club at Happy Valley. — J. M. Gormley, A. V. Gormley, F. M. Gormley, L. F. Gormley, B. Gormley, C. Gormley, D. Gormley, E. Gormley, F. Gormley, G. Gormley, H. Gormley, I. Gormley, J. Gormley, K. Gormley, L. Gormley, M. Gormley, N. Gormley, O. Gormley, P. Gormley, Q. Gormley, R. Gormley, S. Gormley, T. Gormley, U. Gormley, V. Gormley, W. Gormley, X. Gormley, Y. Gormley, Z. Gormley.

5th Division "Red" v Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley. — J. M. Gormley, A. V. Gormley, F. M. Gormley, L. F. Gormley, B. Gormley, C. Gormley, D. Gormley, E. Gormley, F. Gormley, G. Gormley, H. Gormley, I. Gormley, J. Gormley, K. Gormley, L. Gormley, M. Gormley, N. Gormley, O. Gormley, P. Gormley, Q. Gormley, R. Gormley, S. Gormley, T. Gormley, U. Gormley, V. Gormley, W. Gormley, X. Gormley, Y. Gormley, Z. Gormley.

6th Division "Black" v Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley. — J. M. Gormley, A. V. Gormley, F. M. Gormley, L. F. Gormley, B. Gormley, C. Gormley, D. Gormley, E. Gormley, F. Gormley, G. Gormley, H. Gormley, I. Gormley, J. Gormley, K. Gormley, L. Gormley, M. Gormley, N. Gormley, O. Gormley, P. Gormley, Q. Gormley, R. Gormley, S. Gormley, T. Gormley, U. Gormley, V. Gormley, W. Gormley, X. Gormley, Y. Gormley, Z. Gormley.

7th Division "Brown" v Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley. — J. M. Gormley, A. V. Gormley, F. M. Gormley, L. F. Gormley, B. Gormley, C. Gormley, D. Gormley, E. Gormley, F. Gormley, G. Gormley, H. Gormley, I. Gormley, J. Gormley, K. Gormley, L. Gormley, M. Gormley, N. Gormley, O. Gormley, P. Gormley, Q. Gormley, R. Gormley, S. Gormley, T. Gormley, U. Gormley, V. Gormley, W. Gormley, X. Gormley, Y. Gormley, Z. Gormley.

8th Division "Purple" v Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley. — J. M. Gormley, A. V. Gormley, F. M. Gormley, L. F. Gormley, B. Gormley, C. Gormley, D. Gormley, E. Gormley, F. Gormley, G. Gormley, H. Gormley, I. Gormley, J. Gormley, K. Gormley, L. Gormley, M. Gormley, N. Gormley, O. Gormley, P. Gormley, Q. Gormley, R. Gormley, S. Gormley, T. Gormley, U. Gormley, V. Gormley, W. Gormley, X. Gormley, Y. Gormley, Z. Gormley.

9th Division "Pink" v Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley. — J. M. Gormley, A. V. Gormley, F. M. Gormley, L. F. Gormley, B. Gormley, C. Gormley, D. Gormley, E. Gormley, F. Gormley, G. Gormley, H. Gormley, I. Gormley, J. Gormley, K. Gormley, L. Gormley, M. Gormley, N. Gormley, O. Gormley, P. Gormley, Q. Gormley, R. Gormley, S. Gormley, T. Gormley, U. Gormley, V. Gormley, W. Gormley, X. Gormley, Y. Gormley, Z. Gormley.

10th Division "Grey" v Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley. — J. M. Gormley, A. V. Gormley, F. M. Gormley, L. F. Gormley, B. Gormley, C. Gormley, D. Gormley, E. Gormley, F. Gormley, G. Gormley, H. Gormley, I. Gormley, J. Gormley, K. Gormley, L. Gormley, M. Gormley, N. Gormley, O. Gormley, P. Gormley, Q. Gormley, R. Gormley, S. Gormley, T. Gormley, U. Gormley, V. Gormley, W. Gormley, X. Gormley, Y. Gormley, Z. Gormley.

11th Division "Gold" v Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley. — J. M. Gormley, A. V. Gormley, F. M. Gormley, L. F. Gormley, B. Gormley, C. Gormley, D. Gormley, E. Gormley, F. Gormley, G. Gormley, H. Gormley, I. Gormley, J. Gormley, K. Gormley, L. Gormley, M. Gormley, N. Gormley, O. Gormley, P. Gormley, Q. Gormley, R. Gormley, S. Gormley, T. Gormley, U. Gormley, V. Gormley, W. Gormley, X. Gormley, Y. Gormley, Z. Gormley.

12th Division "Silver" v Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley. — J. M. Gormley, A. V. Gormley, F. M. Gormley, L. F. Gormley, B. Gormley, C. Gormley, D. Gormley, E. Gormley, F. Gormley, G. Gormley, H. Gormley, I. Gormley, J. Gormley, K. Gormley, L. Gormley, M. Gormley, N. Gormley, O. Gormley, P. Gormley, Q. Gormley, R. Gormley, S. Gormley, T. Gormley, U. Gormley, V. Gormley, W. Gormley, X. Gormley, Y. Gormley, Z. Gormley.

13th Division "Bronze" v Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley. — J. M. Gormley, A. V. Gormley, F. M. Gormley, L. F. Gormley, B. Gormley, C. Gormley, D. Gormley, E. Gormley, F. Gormley, G. Gormley, H. Gormley, I. Gormley, J. Gormley, K. Gormley, L. Gormley, M. Gormley, N. Gormley, O. Gormley, P. Gormley, Q. Gormley, R. Gormley, S. Gormley, T. Gormley, U. Gormley, V. Gormley, W. Gormley, X. Gormley, Y. Gormley, Z. Gormley.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

"Wood Rule" In Badminton To Remain As It Is

What may come as a disappointment to local badminton players is the recent decision made by the International Badminton Federation that the "wood rule" will remain as it is. A formal proposal by the New Zealand Badminton Federation for its abolition was brought up at the Annual General Meeting of the IBF a few days back, but received no support from the 12 national organisations represented at the Meeting.

The rule has been a very unpopular one since its introduction among local shuttlers. Beginners easily get discouraged at their repeated wood shots, and unimpaired in championship matches has been a more difficult job. Very often the wood shots are allowed to pass, while perfectly good clean strokes are penalised. The experts, however, in Malaya and elsewhere seem to have different views.

Another proposal by the New Zealand Badminton Federation was the starting of an International Ladies' Championship on the basis of the Thomas Cup. This proposal was referred to next year's Annual General Meeting after full discussion on it at a preliminary Council meeting.

Malaya's request that the final of the Thomas Cup be played at Singapore on May 30 and June 1, 1952, was formally approved at the Meeting.

With just a little less than a year to go, Malaya still need a little more than \$200,000 for their \$300,000 hall. A very fine gesture was recently made by a tin-miner who donated Straits \$10,000 to the building fund. A philanthropist of that stature in our midst would have enabled Hongkong to participate in the current Thomas Cup competition!

While on the subject of the Thomas Cup final, I understand that a number of Hongkong's leading players and enthusiasts have already made definite plans to travel down to Singapore to watch this match, which will in all likelihood be between Denmark and Malaya.

Such plans by local players should be strongly encouraged by the Hongkong Badminton Association who can take an active part in the promotion of this trip by arranging for a chartered plane at a special rate.

A "must" for the Association is a request to the Malaya Badminton Association for an allotment of seats at this game. With the Singapore new hall, if and when completed, capable of accommodating 5,500 spectators, the Hongkong visitors' chances of getting into the hall will be infinitely be very slim otherwise.

It will be a very good idea, too, if the Badminton Association will take the trouble to find out which Hongkong players are likely to be in Singapore to see the final and, if the Hongkong contingent is representative enough, a friendly match with the Danes.

Jockey Club's New Secretary

There can be few people who have acquired such an all-round knowledge of racing, from its many different aspects than Major H. Misa, who has recently arrived in the Colony from Home to take over the duties of Secretary and Stewards' Clerk to the Jockey Club when Mr S.A. Sleep leaves on his well-earned retirement.

Hunting and racing have been the big interests of his life. He rode in his first hurdle race at the age of sixteen, and spent the next twenty-four years when over his military duties permitted, riding in steeplechases and working on the flat, meeting with a fair measure of success, particularly in India. Amongst his experiences were two months in the Grand National. On the first occasion, in 1929, the year of the record field of sixty-six runners, his mount was brought down by a loose horse; four years later he was more fortunate, being amongst those who completed the course.

On the administrative side he has owned horses, and has acquired a considerable knowledge of the art of training. He has acted as a steward at a number of meetings at home and acted as a judge at some of the Indian meetings.

For three of the post-war years, he was Member of the Racing Club and Stud Farm, belonging to Sir Malcolm McAlpine and his sons.

or wherever Malaya's challenges might be, will be an interesting event.

As in previous years the unsatisfactory procedure of holding the Hongkong Badminton Association Annual General Meeting in September will be adhered to this year.

With the fast development of badminton into a throughout-the-year rather than a seasonal game, it is strongly felt that an alteration of this rule should be fully discussed at this year's Annual General Meeting. An earlier meeting will enable the Incoming Committee to run the Inter-Club Leagues earlier, and to run each Division at a time.

This method of running the Colony Leagues has been rendered necessary by the increasing number of participating teams and the shortage of courts in the Colony.

An earlier general meeting of the HKBA will also enable the Incoming Committee to plan a more active year than hitherto experienced.

It is felt, for instance, that every attempt should be made by the local Association to invite the All-India Thomas Cup team for a series of games in Hongkong, either on their way to or from Melbourne where on Sept. 30 they are scheduled to play Australia in the Asiatic Zone final of the Thomas Cup.

Travelling expenses by the visitors could then be minimised, in view of the fact that the team would probably be arranged that Hongkong pay only the outward fare from Hongkong to Australia or the return fare from Hongkong to India.

It is understood that Mr Z. Took, a member of the Executive Committee of the HKBA, will be going to India on business some time next week, and it is hoped that he will be asked by the HKBA to negotiate for such a visit to Hongkong of the All-India team.

"ARGONAUT"

League Tennis

CRIC WIN

"D" DIVISION TITLE

Chinese R.C. "D" won the Championship of the Men's "D" Division of the Tennis League yesterday when they defeated Indian R.C. by nine sets to nil at Sookumpoo.

"B" DIVISION

C. (2) 5, K.C. 2 1/2. C. Digby and K. Petersen (KCC) lost to J. B. and J. B. 1-2; lost to H. Yuen and K.W. Lee 0-3; tied with C. Tsou and C.P. Ho 6-6.

N. Hart-Daker and D. Symons lost to Ju and Tso 1-2; lost to Yuen and Lee 3-6; beat Tsou and Ho 6-3.

J. Mackenzie and C.H. Tiersan lost to Ju and Tso 3-6; lost to Yuen and Lee 1-2; beat Tsou and Ho 6-2.

CRUCIAL GAME

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The following postponed matches in the Men's "A" Division of the Tennis League should be played off before the end of the month by mutual arrangement:

HKCC v Recrio, HKCC v HKCC, HKCC v SCAA, HKCC v HKCC, HKCC v SCAA, HKCC v HKCC, HKCC v SCAA, HKCC v HKCC.

Captains of the various League teams are reminded to notify their respective League Secretaries in writing within 48 hours of the result of every match won by their team.

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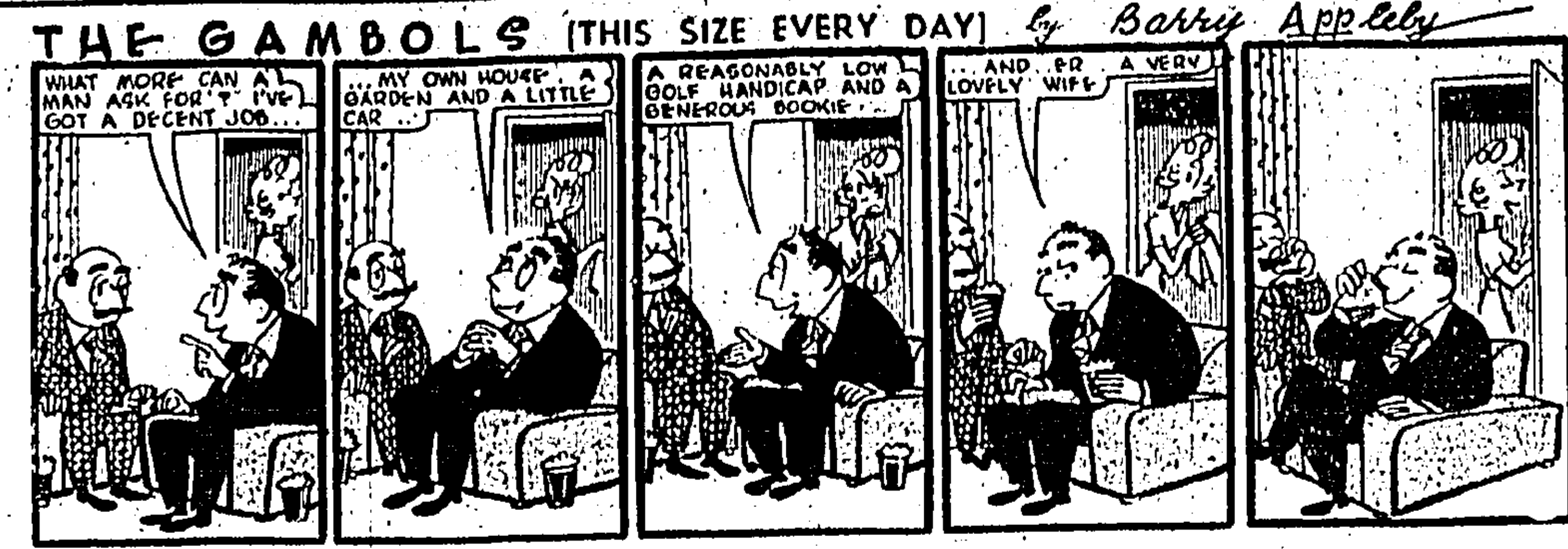
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Stop These Cricket Farces By Helping The Spinners

Says HERBERT SUTCLIFFE

This has been one of the strangest cricket seasons. We've had sit-down strikes from batsmen, and underarm bowling. Something has to be done quickly to prevent a spread of such happenings, or cricket is going to become a farce.

It isn't only the public who dislike slow play. Every fielder, I know, abhors slow and unenterprising batsmen—and there are many devoid of grace, style and rhythm—and when I was playing, the Yorkshire players used to hate the guts of these fellows. But we were not able to resort to slow hand-clapping, however much we would have liked to do so.

Root of the Notts-Glamorgan trouble last week, of course, was the Trent Bridge feather-bed. Visiting teams are fully alive to this fact, and unless there is rain they must invariably go there to fight for four points, for an outright victory is almost an impossibility.

While I disagree entirely with anything which would make the game appear stupid—as indeed I can't help feeling that if a lot of batsmen thought in terms of taking quick singles a lot of the trouble would be eliminated. Such runs make the difference between the 50 and 60 runs an hour, and when a run-a-minute no one seems to complain.

118 Rejections For FA Cup Competition

By ARCHIE QUICK

It is midsummer in England but the Football Association has not yet published the entries for next season's FA Cup competition but has also made the draw for the qualifying rounds.

597 clubs applied to compete and there has been the unprecedented number of 118 rejections. This is in order to conform with the Association's new rules whereby only 44 First and Second Division clubs receive exemption until the third round of the Competition Proper.

Some of the rejections provide surprises. For instance, among those turned down are such well-known clubs as Southern League's Bedford Town, the Civil Service Club, which has done so much for amateur football, old-established ones like Eastbourne Comrades, Swindon Victoria and East Cotes Victoria, Ford Sports, one of the London area's best-known business sides, Ways of Plymouth, Hodderston Town, the Spurs nursery, and Whitburn, a club which has produced so many professional stars.

PEGASUS NOT IN

That Pegasus, the phenomenal Varsity winners of the Amateur Cup, are not among the entries is because they will not be able to get together and raise a side until January.

Fourteen Welsh clubs have been omitted—a record. The fifty clubs exempt until Round One are the 48 Division clubs and amateurs Bishop Auckland and Bromley, and another 24 receive exemption until the fourth qualifying round.

I notice in the minutes of the last FA Council meeting that £58,000 was raised for the dependents of the 33 victims of the fatal disaster in Bolton Wanderers' ground in March 1946. All the widows and children have been cared for by immediate payments, pensions and investments.

Lt. Col. H. M. Prince, MBE, BEM, Secretary of the Army Football Association, has been appointed to represent the Army on the FA Council in succession to Major-General G. T. W. Horne, who has retired from the service.

Australian Boxer Won't Give Up

Sydney.

Badly battered on the body and right hand when a home-made oil lamp exploded, a promising lightweight, George Barnes, was told by doctors that he would never fight again.

Barnes spent a month in hospital and three months' convalescing.

He has now resumed training and is keen to fight Mickey Tolla, who retained his welter title against Ken Bailey—Rout.

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Cricket Match Won Without A Run Being Scored

A recent village match was won without either side scoring a single run, apart from extras. The game was played at Bookham in Surrey between the village team and the Electrical Trades Association.

The electricians batted first, and at the end of their innings the score-book recorded only one leg-bye. The Bookham team came in to bat with this total to beat. The first ball went to the boundary for four byes and the match was won.

DAVIS CUP

Sweden Wins 5-0 From Philippines

Baastad, July 19.

Sweden won the last singles matches in their European Zone semi-final of the Davis Cup here today to record a 5-0 win over the Philippines.

Lennart Bergelin beat Feli-Ampon by 6-3, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 and Svan Davidsson beat Raymond Deyro by 6-4, 6-3, 6-6, 6-6 and 7-5.

Bergelin dominated the first two sets against Ampon and his fine backhands often found the Filipino out of position. But then Ampon took the initiative and won two sets by his brilliant net play and effective stop balls.

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The Killer Touch Is Paying Off In British Athletics
Says McDONALD BAILEY

Some time ago I mentioned the need for more of the "killer" instinct in British athletes, by which I meant more of the will to win at all times. And now, just looking around at the very high standard of performances by some of our athletes, they certainly mean business. Brian Shenton said: "Mac is no longer unbeatable by an Englishman; I think I can beat him." This is an eye-opener to me, and I am particularly pleased to see Brian in the "killer" mood.

Shenton is certainly shifting these days, and his performances at Coventry recently may be even better than they look on paper.

I only hope more athletes adopt the Shenton theme, for not only have we got to develop deadly rivalry between ourselves, but we must be ready for the "hot" Americans when they visit us next month and in Helsinki next year.

With every confidence each man thinks he can outrun the other, with the result they produce the best in themselves and amazing performances.

For myself I like to win (as we all do) but, better than that, I would rather have the deadly American rivalry and be beaten in 9.8sec. than to be always out in front in 9.7sec.

I would like to see more sprinters doing 9.7. For this is always a good time in this country taking into account climatic conditions.

There are good signs among the furling runners, but here again the standard should be at least 21.8sec. If there is to be really exciting rivalry and sound confidence.

CONFIDENCE
The Americans have always produced a wealth of sprinting talent. Hardly ever one man dominates the scene, regardless of how good he is. Why? Because they have more material from which to draw, and they have no respect for each other once they face the starter.

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G. "MYRMIDON"	do	20th Aug.	
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This Dividend will be payable on or after Monday, 18th August at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from FRIDAY, 27th July to SATURDAY, 11th AUGUST (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. S. ADAMSON,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th July, 1951.

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By Order of the Council,
R. M. OMAR,
Secretary.

Dated this 20th day of July, 1951.

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Hong Kong, July 19, 1951.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post, South China Sunday Post-Herald, and China Mail Staff Photographers are on view in the Morning Post Building.

ORDERS BOOKED

INCIDENT WILL NOT RECUR

London, July 19. Mr. Herbert Morrison, said today that he had taken steps to ensure that the British vessel Empire Roach, which was boarded by an Egyptian corvette on July 1, was not again illegally molested.

Earlier today a Reuter message from Cairo reported that four British destroyers, which left Malta on Tuesday, passed through the Suez Canal today on their way to Aden.

(The Empire Roach was stopped by the corvette while on her way to the Port of Akaba, Jordan).

Mr. Anthony Eden, deputy Conservative leader, asked if he had received a reply to the British protest to Egypt about the boarding of the vessel.

Mr. Morrison replied that he had not, adding, "But I take this opportunity to inform the House that in the light of the previous incident, and in the absence of a reply from the Egyptian Government, I took steps at the beginning of the week to ensure that this ship should not again be illegally molested."

Mr. Eden said he was sure that the House of Commons would endorse this decision.—Reuter.

The Opposition

Withdraws

Lisbon, July 19.

Admiral Manuel Quintana Moralejo today withdrew as sole Opposition candidate in Portugal's presidential elections this Sunday, alleging that he had been refused "essential conditions."

The remaining candidate is General Francisco Craveiros Lopes, 57, who represents the present regime which has ruled Portugal for 25 years.

A third candidate, Professor Ruy Gomes, was ruled ineligible by the Supreme Court of Justice after he refused to repudiate Communism.—Reuter.

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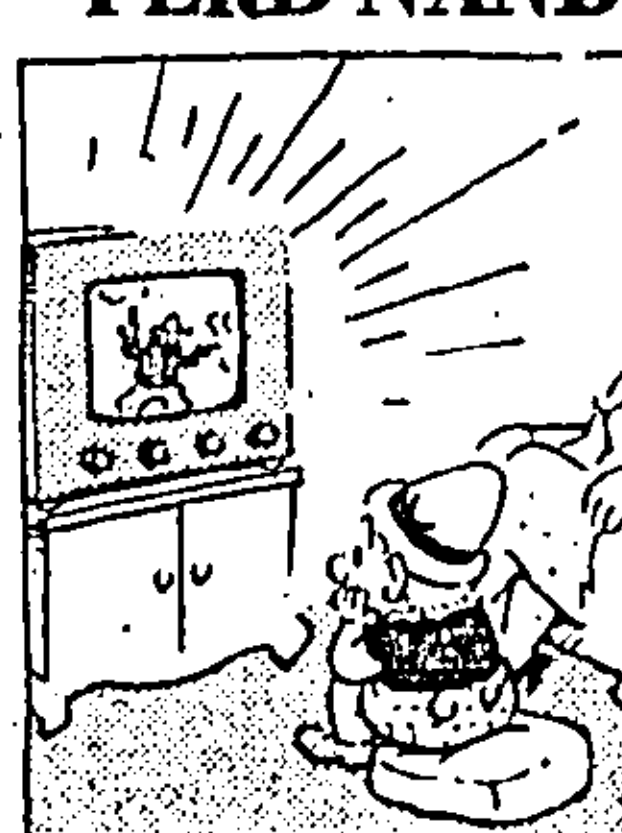


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CLASHES IN ORISSA

Cuttack, July 19.

Military police patrolled Cuttack, Orissa, today after at least 20 people had been injured in clashes between Police and striking students.

The local Magistrate banned meetings, processions and assemblies of more than five people.

Trouble began when Police made a baton charge to disperse students picketing the gates of the Orissa Assembly in protest against increased tuition fees.

Students replied by hurling stones, injuring four Police constables. One Police officer, caught between rows of strikers, fired two revolver shots, wounding one student.

Clashes spread throughout the city. Some students set fire to a Police information box near the Assembly.

The Assembly adjourned for four days in view of the tension.—Reuter.

Deserter's Grim Life

Birmingham, July 19.

A British Army deserter, who had hidden his own home for the past four years, developed tuberculosis and died. It was stated at his inquest here today.

The man, 23-year-old Percival Hawker, used at first to slip out occasionally at night, but for the past 12 months he never left the house, his widowed mother told the Court.

He had no ration cards and would not see a doctor when he became ill.

Even the neighbours did not know he was living—in the house at Yardley, Birmingham suburb.

A verdict of death from natural causes was recorded.—Reuter.

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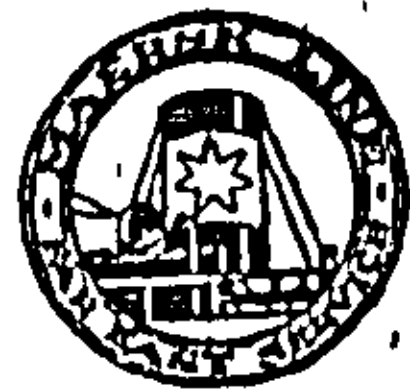


ARRIVALS		
"AURAY"	from Japan	21st July
"GRENABLE"	from Europe	23rd July
SAILINGS		
"A. MARSEILLAISE"	to Japan	21st Aug.
"A. MARSEILLAISE"	to Marseilles	22nd Aug.

FREIGHT SERVICE		
"AURAY"	N. Africa & Europe	22nd July
"OUISSTREHAM"	N. Africa & Europe	17th Aug.
"MEKONG"	N. Africa & Europe	30th Aug.
"MEINAM"	N. Africa & Europe	3rd Oct.

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Sulphur Plentiful
In Arab Region,
Geologist Claims

London, July 19.

Shortage of raw materials? Nonsense, says 34-year-old scientist and geologist Herbert Cross. It's just a matter of knowing where to look.

Japanese
Agency In
America

Washington, July 19.

The State Department announced today that the United States has approved a plan for Japan to establish an "overseas agency" here to promote trade between the two countries.

The agency will be staffed with Trade, Finance and Foreign Office representatives and will operate under the supervision of the Japanese Foreign Office. It will not have diplomatic status, the announcement said.

Full diplomatic relations between the two countries are not expected until the signing and ratification of the Japanese peace treaty. This agency is looked upon by experts, however, as the forerunner of the Embassy.

Japan already has a mission here, but its work is largely confined to working on allocation and procurement of raw materials.

In addition to trade matters, the new expanded agency will handle affairs concerning nationality and civil status of Japanese living in this country. Comparable or related Japanese agencies are operating or planned in several other countries, including New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Los Angeles and Honolulu, according to the officials.—United Press.

U.S. PLANT FOR
COURTAULD'S

London, July 19.

Courtauld's, British rayon manufacturers, announced today they would build a \$10,000,000 factory at Huntsville, Alabama, in the United States. Permission to build the plant has been granted by the National Production Administration in Washington and the plant will supply rayon yarn and staple to the American market.—United Press.

Seeds And Oils

New York, July 19.

Prices in the seeds and oils market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:
Lined Oil, in tank cars, New York, per lb. 15.5.—United Press.

Newsprint Co.'s
Big Profits

Vancouver, July 19.
The Powell River Company, one of Canada's biggest newsprint producers, reported on Thursday it made \$4,215,914 net profit in the six months ended June 30, a gain of about \$200,000 over the first six months of 1950.
The President of the Company, Mr. Harold S. Foley, said the high profit was due to increased revenues from pulp sales, lumber operations, and from subsidiary companies.—United Press.

HONGKONG
SHARE
MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$324,233.20. Noon prices and the morning's transactions:-

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
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HSBC	1480	50 @ 1500
East Asia	103	100 @ 103

DOCKS, ETC.		
K. Wharf ..		84
N. P. Wharf	4.80	
Wheelock ..	23	
LAND, ETC.		

HK Fire	133		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	480	84	
N. P. Wharf	480		
Wheelock	23		

LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	4.85	3	40 @ 30
Peak Land			
UTILITIES			
Tram	13 1/2	300 @ 13.20	
Peak Tram			
Peak Tram			
(O)	15 1/2		
(N)	7 1/2		
Star Ferry	75	50 @ 74	
		100 @ 73	
		50 @ 73	
		100 @ 71	
		100 @ 71	
		100 @ 7	

C. Light (O)	6.05	7.10	2000 @ 7.05
			100 @ 7.10
			100 @ 7
			100 @ 7

C. Light (N)	4.10	4.30	
C. Light (D)	6.70	6.80	600 @ 6.80
			100 @ 6.80
Electric	20 1/2	27	100 @ 20 1/2
Telephone	11 1/2	12	100 @ 11 1/2
			500 @ 11.40

INDUSTRIALS			
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	13 1/2	14.10	1000 @ 14.10
			200 @ 14
Watson	18 1/2	19 1/2	800 @ 21 1/2
Crawford			
COTTONS			
Ewo XO			

The Rubber
Markets

London, July 19.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:-
Number 1 rubber, in cents per lb. 48 1/2-49 1/2
August 48 1/2-49 1/2
September 48 1/2-49 1/2
October/December 48 1/2-49 1/2
January/February 48 1/2-49 1/2
March/April 48 1/2-49 1/2
United Press.

SINGAPORE MARKET

Singapore, July 19.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:-
Number 1 rubber, in cents per lb. 48 1/2-49 1/2
August 48 1/2-49 1/2
September 48 1/2-49 1/2
October/December 48 1/2-49 1/2
January/February 48 1/2-49 1/2
March/April 48 1/2-49 1/2
United Press.

Number 2 rubber,	135-136
Number 3 rubber,	128-129
Number 4 rubber,	122 1/2-123 1/2
Spot rubber, unbleached	150-151
Black crepe	155-156
No. 1 pale crepe	155-156

LONDON TIN
MARKET

London, July 19.

The tin market was quiet this morning. Turnover was 70 tons. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:-
Spot tin, buyers 855
Spot tin, sellers 855-860
Three-month tin, buyers 821 1/2
Three-month tin, sellers 821 1/2
Settlement 821 1/2
United Press.

Pepper Market

London, July 19.

Spot black pepper was quoted again at \$1.68 a pound, with the market extremely quiet. Higher cables from India along with news of Russian buying, failed to stimulate trade here.
July/August shipment was quoted at \$1.65 and August/September at \$1.64 1/2 a pound. Black pepper, expected to arrive here very shortly, was quoted at \$1.67 a pound, on an ex-dock basis.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

London, July 19.

Business was done in the local exchange market at the following rates:-
Sterling (per \$1) 0.62 1/2
U.S. Dollars (per £1) 1.61
Hong Kong (per £1) 10.25
New York (per £1) 10.25
Singapore (per £1) 10.25
United Press.

Fall In Gt. Britain's
Balance Of
Payments

The first important function attended by Mr. Hugh Gaitskell after he became Chancellor of the Exchequer was the dinner given by the Lord Mayor of London to the city's bankers and merchants.

On that occasion Mr. Gaitskell sounded the first warning on the increase of our exports in the coming months necessary to maintain the 1950 value of imports. He assessed that increase to be \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000, but rather confidently dismissed the danger then looming ahead, created by the rising prices as a result of the Korean war.

Only three months later the Chancellor amended his estimate to \$300,000,000; later, in a matter of a few days, he raised it to \$400,000,000. Today, his estimate would be well over the \$500,000,000.

Small wonder then that he should be gloomy when he announced the economic and financial position of the country, and the repercussions on the sterling and the dollar areas, says the Liverpool "Journal of Commerce".
"We have been living too well at home, spending nearly £200,000,000 more in the first half of this year than in last, said Mr. Gaitskell.

No doubt most of that increase has been caused by enhanced prices for lessened volumes of purchases. And such purchases can conceivably be a hedge against inflation or a saving against depreciation of the purchasing power of the £, or both.

GRADUAL FALL

Mr. Gaitskell himself has not hesitated to tell of the gradual fall in the value of the £, yet he, no more than his predecessor, does not seem to be able to offer a suggestion which might lead to an arrest of that depreciation accompanied by an arrest of rising prices. "Defence orders must be met," said Mr. Gaitskell, "exports must be increased." We cannot do both in volume, weight; we may achieve the latter in the matter of prices which, after all, do matter more than volume or weight for the time being.

A few days later Mr. Alfred Robens, Minister of Labour, echoed Mr. Gaitskell in an appeal to workers who are able to do so to seek priority jobs in rearmament even if some distance from their homes. By the time the rearmament drive catches its full force, labour engaged in defence production will have to be increased by more than 500,000 workers. It may well be that many of these workers will be withdrawn from export production, thus adding to the deficit in our balance of payments which, in turn, will breed a lack of confidence again in the £.

EMPIRE ENDEAVOUR

July 19 saw the commencement of the Colombo Plan, essentially a Commonwealth endeavour to bring stability by confidence to South and South-East Asia.

Of the countries principally concerned, India and Pakistan have large irrigation projects for famine irrigation, and financial aid and railways and river communications have to be modernised and extended in the areas further east. Their completion will take time, but the big factors are the increase in purchasing power of the nations as a whole to implement the wealth which the few have acquired from the sale of some of nature's products during the past year or so, and the establishment of a confidence which has not been there since the commencement of the civil war in China and the rule by the North and the South of Korea.

Meanwhile, a cessation of the Korean war would open all ports of China to international unrestricted trade; it would enable a broader Colombo Plan, or United Nations Plan, to be applied to the 500 million people in China, the mass in Japan with Indonesia, possibly added. Trade is there for the taking but unfortunately, as yet, there is to be no slackening of the defence, the rearmament effort even if the Korean situation is resolved.

Payments Plan
This month has also seen the commencement of the second year of the European Payments Union. The first year was a period of trial, of strains and stresses. First one country, and another, exceeded their trading sterling credits and could no longer continue to buy from us. Temporary aid and other measures to mend the situation had to be applied to Germany and Holland. But all through the year Britain gradually became the universal creditor nation in E.P.U. We tried to help by the unorthodox step of doubling the payment of foreign currencies allowed citizens to

spend on European travel; as this year continues the credits in London which the travel disbursements will pile up will be an added factor in developing post-war trade with the Western European countries. This month may, indeed, see the commencement of a world-wide spirit and confidence in international trade, if only "we produce more," to enable us to reap the benefit of such spirit.

Our need for dollars is as great as ever; we are constantly being enjoined on both sides of the Atlantic to intensify our efforts for that currency, whether it be U.S. or Canadian. A trace in Korea could well lead to a reduction of consumer prices in North America, leading to a reduction of import prices paid by the U.S.A. and Canada for the goods from the sterling area. The complexity of that problem is less than in Washington.

The problem is one which confronts other countries. Germany may be mentioned, also her drive to acquire dollar currency. German business men are cracking the tough American market through a new super-sales organisation, the German American Trade Promotion Company, set up by leading industrial and commercial groups with the support of the American occupation officials. West German exports to America during January-May of this year were twice the 1950 comparable volume. If this rate of exports continues to December, the total exports will have reached \$200,000,000 this year.

Behind this phenomenal export lies the effective work of this trade organisation. It has spread export-mindedness among German business men and advised on markets, packaging, distribution and other key questions. Such is the view expressed by Mr. Zach Novis, chief of export promotion for the Economic Co-operation Administration in Frankfurt. This organisation collects U.S. trade facts for German producers and exporters. Its information bulletin is distributed bi-weekly to 7,500 firms. Advertisements in U.S. publications, large American firms to sub-contract their orders to German companies and attractive catalogues are distributed to American firms telling them what Germany has to offer. Exhibitions and trade fairs in the U.S.A. are carefully watched, and German firms are kept advised as to where they can best display and sell their products.

USEFUL EXAMPLE

It seems that Mr. Gaitskell could usefully allow our business men to do likewise by providing the necessary dollars to duplicate what was recently set up in Toronto, an Anglo-Canadian trade organisation. He would then be able to shut down the costly Civil Service trade consul offices in the U.S.A. and apply the dollars so saved for an advertising campaign. In doing so he would merely be accepting the conclusion which Mr. Harold Wilson, when he was first elected to the Board of Trade, at long last reached—that to "crack" this tough market should be the prime responsibility of private enterprise which can secure the maximum of prices for the wares we have to offer.

The inescapable conclusion is that Germany is securing her dollar deficit we did that from mid-September, 1949, and can therefore view with equanimity what others have been doing. It is to the future, however, we have to look, for more than ever in the dollar consumer market there will have to be a greater volume of goods with less of sterling prices. Germany and Japan and, to a lesser extent, France, seem set on out-bidding us for that market.

New York, July 19.
Copa was offered again at \$150 per short ton. The asking price of coconut oil was 11 1/2 cents a pound. There were no futures.—United Press.

British
Policy
On JapanBUILDING UP OF
ECONOMY

Manchester, July 19.

Britain intends to help Japan regain her position as a sovereign nation and build up her economic stability, Sir Hartley Shawcross, President of the Board of Trade, said today.

Here for conferences on the problems of the cotton and rayon textile industry, Sir Hartley told a news conference: "We had the alternative of treating Japan as a defeated enemy, imposing severe retaliations on the possibility of her making a recovery."

"On the other hand, there was the policy of enabling her to recover her position as a sovereign nation and building up her economic stability. "We have felt in common with the United States that while the former course might lead to an alignment between the Japanese and the Communists, the latter course would be likely to promote the development of the new Japan on democratic lines as a partner with the Western powers."

Sir Hartley said Britain had obtained certain important concessions in the Japanese peace treaty which will provide some protection for the Lancashire textile industry from Japanese competition.

He said the Government is watching to prevent any unfair Japanese trading methods.—Associated Press.

DOLLAR TRANSFER

Tokyo, July 20.

The Japanese Government will gain control of all United States dollar funds now being operated by the Occupation Authority at the close of business on August 15, General Ridgway announced on Friday (Tokyo time).

The transfer will provide Japan with a title to dollar funds amassed and will permit the restoration of normal commercial relationships between Japan and foreign banks in private negotiations for dollar credits.

Document making clear the legality of the transfer have already been signed by the Occupation Authority and the Japanese Government, General Ridgway's announcement said. The action is in line with General Ridgway's policy to return financial operational authority to the Japanese Government as soon as it is prepared to exercise such responsibility.

Big funds now operated by the Occupation will not be returned immediately to Japan. This move has been deferred pending conclusion of negotiations between the United Kingdom liaison mission here and the Japanese Government.—United Press.

Weekly Bank
Statements

London, July 19.

The Bank of England statement for the week ending July 18 reads as follows:
Notes in circulation £1,297,975,000
Public deposits 4,545,000
Private deposits 389,291,000
Government securities 252,000,000
Other securities 32,521,000
Receipts 53,040,000
Bank ratio 100.00
United Press.

BANK OF FRANCE

Paris, July 19.

The Bank of France statement for the week ending July 12 reads as follows:-
Total gold holdings Frs. 120,440,678.226
Total of other currencies 3,450,476,938
Sight balance 104,056,370.504
Advance to currency fund 150,300,000.000
Bills discounted in France and abroad 416,221,556.778
Notes in circulation 1,711,094,383.755
Current accounts & deposits 154,455,124.172
United Press.

New York Sugar
Futures

New York, July 19.

World sugar futures closed today unchanged to 13 higher, with sales totalling 215 contracts.

Contract No. 8 closed 2 to 3 higher, with sales totalling 102 contracts.

Prices closed as follows:-
Contract No. 4 (world) 6.90 traded
January (1952) 6.90 nominal
May 6.93 nominal
September 6.93 nominal
October 6.93 nominal
November 6.93 nominal
December 6.93 nominal
January (1953) 6.93 nominal
February 6.93 nominal
March 6.93 nominal
April 6.93 nominal
May 6.93 nominal
June 6.93 nominal
July 6.93 nominal
August 6.93 nominal
September 6.93 nominal
October 6.93 nominal
November 6.93 nominal
December 6.93 nominal
United Press.

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ARRIVALS		
Date	Ship	From
22nd July	"RUSSANDI"	Japan
23rd July	"VAN HOUTEN"	Japan
24th July	"DOISERVAIN"	N. America, S. Africa, Singapore, Saigon & Manila
25th July	"TJISADANE"	N. America, S. Africa, Singapore & Manila
26th July	"TASMAN"	Japan
27th July	"TJISALENGKA"	Japan
28th July	"DOISERVAIN"	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa & S. America

SAILINGS		
Date	Ship	To
20th July	"RUSSANDI"	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa & S. America
21st July	"TJISADANE"	Singapore, Java Port & Macassar
22nd July	"VAN HOUTEN"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan
23rd July	"DOISERVAIN"	Yokohama & Japan Port
24th July	"TJISADANE"	Yokohama & Japan Port
25th July	"TASMAN"	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa & S. America
26th July	"TJISALENGKA"	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa & S. America
27th July	"DOISERVAIN"	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa & S. America

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<u>ARRIVALS</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>From</u>
22nd July	"AAOTKERK"	Europe & Singapore
15th August	"AAOTKERK"	Japan
2nd week Aug.	"ALMKERK"	Europe & Singapore
Mid. Sept.	"ALMKERK"	Japan
<u>SAILINGS</u>		
		<u>To</u>
26th July	"AAOTKERK"	Japan via Manila
17th August	"AAOTKERK"	Manila, Singapore & Europe
2nd week Aug.	"ALMKERK"	Japan via Manila
Mid. Sept.	"ALMKERK"	Manila, Singapore & Europe

